



## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2020

### LITURGY OF THE WORD & PRAYERS

#### Prelude

Flute solo

Thomas Arne (1710–1778)

#### Welcome

#### Opening Acclamation and Collect

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Faith Story Nina Howe-Goldstein

*This morning we continue our series of Faith Stories shared by members of the St. Columba's community. Each of us has a unique faith journey. Faith Stories are a way to share this journey and hear God speak through one another.*

#### Hymn 383

Fairest Lord Jesus  
Carolyn Hoff, soloist

St. Elizabeth

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou God of man the Son;  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

—Text: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.

#### Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### The Reading Romans 12:1-8

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Homily** Mary Sebold

*Mary Sebold is training for ordination to the diaconate through the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.*

*A period of silence will be observed after the homily.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Mariann, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and the world around us, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

For the work of dismantling racism in our church, our nation, and our lives;

**For your justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially . . . and those blessings we name now, either silently or aloud . . . We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*A period of silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 335** verses 1, 4, & 5

I am the bread of life

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Ken Decell, soloist

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw them. *Refrain*

*Refrain* And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life.

They who believe in me, even if they die,  
they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world. *Refrain*

—Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), adapt. of John 6

## Blessing

*The People respond* **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59 Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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