

**July 11, 2021**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome

**Blessed Be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is  
plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found  
in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun's  
shining down on me,  
When the world's “all as it should be.”  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road  
marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

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Turn back to praise.  
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**Pass It On**

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread his love to everyone  
You want to pass it on

What a wond'rous time is spring  
When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing  
The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

I wish for you, my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want the world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

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## Prayer

### Gathering Song: Your Name Is Holy

You are the sov'reign "I Am,"  
Your name is holy.  
You are the pure, spotless Lamb,  
Your name is holy.  
You are the Almighty One,  
Your name is holy.  
You are the Christ, God's own Son,  
Your name is holy.

In your name there is mercy for sin,  
There is safety within,  
In your holy name.  
In your name there is strength to remain,  
To stand in spite of pain,  
In your holy name.

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### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the God of  
    mana, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

### C: Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sins.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is not enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie (tune: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus")

A: For God's peace and for salvation,

**C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.**

A: For God's peace in all creation,

**C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.**

A: For the tasks to which you send us, bless your children ev'rywhere;

**C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us. Let us all your goodness share.

**C: Lord, have mercy; hear our prayer.**

Hymn of Praise – Glory to God – (tune: "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

**Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!**

**With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!**

**With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,**

**Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.**

**Jesus, the Father's Son, the Lamb for sinners slain,**

**Ascended to your heav'nly throne, o'er all the earth you reign.**

**Have mercy, Lord, we pray; your steadfast love declare.**

**The sin of all you take away; receive our ardent prayer.**

**For you, O Christ, alone – you only are the Lord;**

**You only are the Holy One by earth and heav'n adored.**

**To all eternity you with the Spirit live**

**In God the Father's majesty. To God all glory give!**

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God,

**C: from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## Lessons

### **Amos 7:7-17**

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” <sup>16</sup>Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’” <sup>17</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things

in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Acclamation (tune: "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow")

**Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord!**

**Forever be God's name adored!**

**Alleluia! God's saving Word**

**Throughout the earth in faith be heard!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **Gospel: Mark 6:12-29**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

<sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

<sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

<sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*After the reading*

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Message: "Identity"

Message Hymn: **LBW 433 The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

The Church of Christ in ev'ry age  
Beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
Must claim and test its heritage  
And keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,  
The victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat,  
And never live before they die.

Then let the servant Church arise,  
A caring Church that longs to be

A partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
Can cure the fever in our blood,  
And teach us how to share our bread  
And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve  
In full obedience to our Lord;  
To care for all, without reserve,  
And spread his liberating Word.

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**Credo: (tune: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")**

**Children of God, come,  
Our Father almighty confessing,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
Endless glory possessing.  
Who, by his might,  
Shattered the darkness with light,  
Filling all things with his blessing.  
Proclaim our faith in God's Son,  
Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus,  
Son of the virgin:  
His death from all trespasses frees us.**

**Raised from the grave,  
He lives his people to save,  
From our own graves to release us.**

**Christ reigns on high!  
On his people the Spirit descending,  
Binds with forgiveness  
The saints in one holy befriending,  
By whom is heard  
God's sure, unbreakable Word,  
Promise of life without ending.**

**Praise Song: Message Of The Cross**

This is the message of the cross:  
That we can be free  
To live in the victory  
And turn from our sin  
My precious Lord Jesus,  
With sinners You died.  
For there You revealed Your love  
And You laid down Your life.

This the message of the cross:  
That we can be free  
To lay all our burdens here  
At the foot of the tree.  
The cross was the shame of the world,  
But the glory of God.  
For Jesus, You conquered sin  
And You gave us new life.

You set me free  
When I came to the cross  
Poured out Your blood  
For I was broken and lost.  
There I was healed  
And You covered my sin.  
It's there You saved me;  
This is the message of the cross.

This is the message of the cross:  
That we can be free  
To hunger for heaven Lord,  
To hunger for Thee.

The cross is such foolishness  
To the perishing  
But to us who are being saved  
It is the power of God.

You set us free  
When we came to the cross.

Poured out Your blood,  
For we are broken and lost.  
Here we are healed  
And You cover our sin.  
It's here You save us.  
This is the message of the cross.

Let us rejoice  
At the foot of the cross.  
We can be free, Glory to God!  
Let us rejoice  
At the foot of the cross.  
We can be free, Glory to God!

Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord,  
You've set us free, Glory to God!  
Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord,  
You've set us free, Glory to God!

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#### Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people  
according to their needs.

A: ...Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers are concluded with*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

#### Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### Announcements

#### Offertory – Create, Create

**Create, create in me a clean heart, Oh God**

**Create, create in me a clean heart, Oh God**

**And renew a right spirit within me**

**Keep me close to Your presence**

**Send Your Holy Spirit, keep me in Your  
care**

**Oh Lord, restore unto me the joy of your  
salvation.**

**Lord, renew a right spirit within me.**

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Offertory prayer

A: Let us pray. God of life,

**C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface: It is indeed right and salutary ... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (tune: "Onward, Christian Soldiers")

**"Holy! Holy! Holy!" heav'nly angels cry,**

**And with glad hosannas, saints on earth reply:**

**"Hail the true Messiah, David's royal Son**

**In the Lord's name coming, God's own blessed One!"**

**"Holy! Holy! Holy!" heav'nly angels cry,**

**With our glad hosannas, saints on earth reply**

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, ...for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come.**

**May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

Agnus Dei (tune: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus")

**Lamb of God, our mighty Savior,**

**All our sins you take away.**

**Lamb of God, by your great favor,**

**Lord, be merciful, we pray.**

**Lamb of God, our needs attending.**

**Look upon us from above**

**With your promised steadfast love,**

**And, your Holy Spirit sending,**

**Never let your mercies cease.**

**Lamb of God grant us your peace.**

Distribution of Elements: **First communion for Abigail DeHart**

### Post-Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

### Post-communion Canticle (tune: “Before You Lord We Bow”)

**Lord, we depart in peace – What you have said is so.  
Now let your light increase To set the world aglow.  
Till nations all Your glory see  
And thankfully Obey your call.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen**

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### Closing Song: LBW 495 Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal!  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Your grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace;

For not with swords loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums,  
But deeds of love and mercy  
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us;  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might!

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Sending

A: Go in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Share the Good News!

**C: Yes, Lord, we will!**