

## WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God!

Please be sure you complete the salmon sheet inside your bulletin and turn it in to the collection plate at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you with participating in worship.

All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in  
**bold print and preceded by "C:"**

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*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ,  
to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life,  
and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TEMPLE TALK: Accessibility

Pastor Don Allman

## PRELUDE: *Pieds en l'Air*

by Peter Warlock

*The prelude is a movement from the Capriol Suite. It was originally written for string orchestra by English composer Peter Warlock (1894-1930). It was arranged for organ by Noel Rawsthorne.*

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*[Silence for reflection and self-examination]*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# HYMN 842 "O Worship the King" (vs. 1-3, 5)

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,

1 Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;  
 2 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;  
 3 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
 5 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,

1 our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 3 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 3 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

# APOSTOLIC 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



*Pastor:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



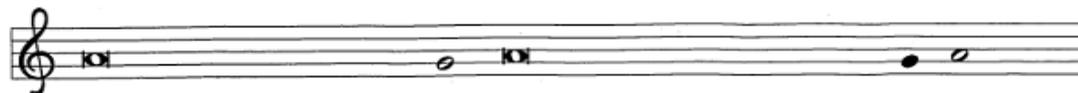
*All:* Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



*All:* Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



*All:* Lord, have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. *All:* Lord have mer - cy.



*Pastor:* Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. *All:* A - men.

## THIS IS THE FEAST



*Pastor:* This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



*All:* 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 16th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So, he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been

faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**ANTHEM:**

Women's Chorale, 8:15am

"Give Thanks and Praise"

by George Frederick Handel

Chancel Choir, 11am

"All Earth Rejoice with Gladsome Voice"

by Antonio Vivaldi

**SERMON**

Pastor Seth Jersild

**HYMN 589 "All Depends on Our Possessing" (vs 1-3)**

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and  
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y  
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -

con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are  
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly  
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing

not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

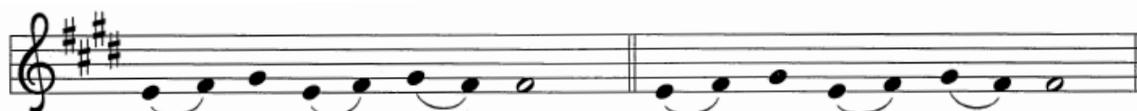
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

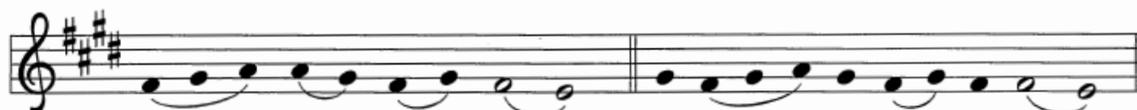
## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Response:* P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Pastor:* The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.



*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.



*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



*All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune.*
- ◆ *Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with an adult to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

### BLESSING, PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

**HYMN 655 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

*( see next page)*

### DISMISSAL

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE: Lord God of Hosts**

**by Thomas Morley**

# Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

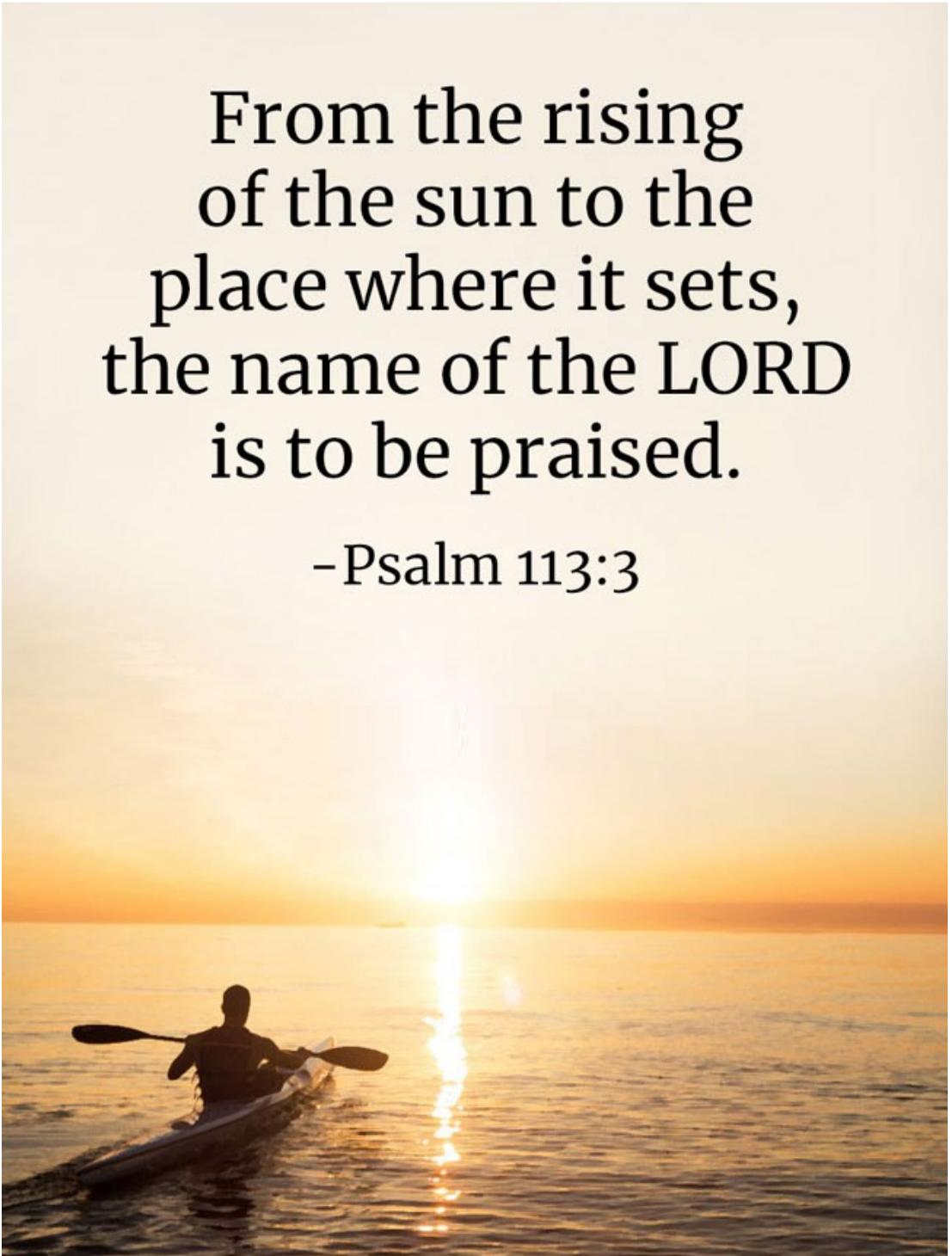


fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.



From the rising  
of the sun to the  
place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD  
is to be praised.

-Psalm 113:3



# Listening for the Promise

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) – September 18, 2022

*“Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,  
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?”*

*– Psalm 113:5-6 NIV –*

Psalm 113 is known as an Egyptian *Hallel* (Hebrew for “praise”) because of its use in the celebration of the Passover, which commemorates God’s deliverance of Israel from Egypt. In all likelihood, Jesus sang this psalm with his disciples before eating the Passover meal on the night Judas betrayed him.

The psalm opens with a command to praise “the name of the LORD... from the rising of the sun to its setting” (vv. 1 and 3) then proclaims the attributes of God that warrant such adulation: God reigns supreme above all nations, and his glory extends “above the heavens” (see v. 4). No one is like “the LORD our God... who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth” (vv. 5 and 6, NIV).

Yes, although our God reigns above all, he stoops. The Hebrew word, *šāpēl*, translated “stoops” in verse 6 (NIV), however, paints a much more profound picture of God’s activity than merely stooping. Strong’s Concordance translates *šāpēl* as “become low,” “humbled,” “abased.” The psalm also tells us why he chooses to *šāpēl*. He does this to raise up the poor and needy to a place of great honor (see vv. 7 and 8), and to give life where only barrenness existed before (see v. 9).

Doesn’t this sound like Jesus? He reigns above all as king of kings and Lord of lords. Yet, just over two thousand years ago, he “humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8b). He *šāpēl*: He became low, “taking on the form of a servant” (Phil. 2:7), “endured the cross, despising the shame” (Heb. 12:2).

How poignant to imagine Jesus singing this hymn just hours before he stooped low under the weight of the cross on the way to Golgatha. He did this in order to deliver all who would believe and walk with him, not from Egypt, but from the power of sin and death. He did this to rescue the poor and needy world in desperate of a Savior who would raise them to new life and to great honor where only lifeless barrenness existed before.

Praise the name of the LORD indeed!