

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2019



[Jesus said] “What do you think? A man had two sons.”
(Matthew 21:28).

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+ 10^h Sunday of Pentecost +
Divine Service, Setting Four

Prelude

STAND

✠ *In acknowledgement of our Lord's presence and
as a reminder of His work on our behalf,
please turn and face the Processional Cross as it is carried in.* ✠

Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins together and hear God's words of forgiveness and acceptance.

C **Holy God, we confess that we have sinned in Your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to Your name. Forgive us. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin—from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life. (based upon Romans 7:14-27).**

P Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God! In His mercy, He has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord! As a called servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, I now announce to you that you have been set free from sin. Use your new life in Christ to bring honor and glory to God!
(based on Romans 6:16-17; 22-23)

C **Thanks be to God!**

Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Loving Father, You have so generously given us all that we are and all that we call our own. Help us to serve You by managing our possessions wisely, so that they may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Announcements

Old Testament

Ezekiel 18:25-32

p. 705

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:9-14

p. 983

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

p. 826, 27

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Hymn of the Day

How Clear Is Our Vocation

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P Since God has called us to adopt the servant attitude of Jesus Christ, let us pray for others as Jesus prayed for us.

Thank You, Lord, for all You have given us, especially the gift of Your Son. Help us to accept His authority and to trust in Him. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, you provide all that we need on your people's journey through this life. Please help your church take the form of a servant for the mission of Your Word, so that it may go out to the whole earth. Lord, in Your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as You desire, we offer our prayers today for our nation. Heal our divisions and especially we pray that all people of this land will deal with differences in civil ways and not turn to violence. We pray for all who are suffering today due to crimes of violence and hate. Give them Your peace. We offer our prayers for our president, governor, for national and local legislatures, for our courts and for the police and fire personnel. Lord, in Your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

P Support those who are burdened by illness or disability and those who health is failing. Give them courage in their trials, and meet the needs of all those known to us in special situations and whom we now name in our hearts... (brief silence).

Michelle Burrus (Eva Care Assisted Living, Bowie); **Emmanuel Findlay; Hank Stuvén ; Teresa Wilcox**, mother of Amy Minor; **Robin Beam**, (sister of Susan Lucero); **Lucille Keys**.

Birthdays: Tristan Mentz (8/18); **Connie Stuvén** (8/20); **Sarah Sowho** (8/24).

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we deserve nothing from you, but hear our prayer and satisfy the desires of our hearts, as we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering of the Offering

The Offertory *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* # 806

Service of Holy Communion

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that weevermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Consecration

Lord's Prayer (back of hymnal)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei



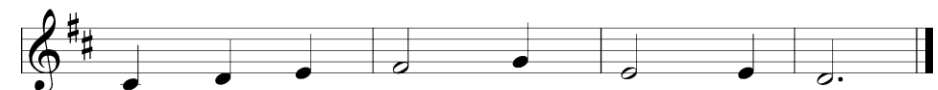
☐ 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Prayer after receiving Communion


C Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into my life that I may live as Your son and daughter today and always. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen.

STAND

P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C And His steadfast love lasts forever.

Song of Simeon



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 Hymn

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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✠ Please turn and face the Processional Cross as it is carried out. ✠

P Go in peace to seek the things that are above.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

Serving with Gladness

Celebrate: Rev. Stephen H. Mentz **Asst. Rev.** Suah Deddeh

Organist: Roberto Vela, Esq.

Altar Guild: April Tanter **Lector:** Ebenezer Emmanuel

Counters: Warren & Mary Lucy Winker **Greeter:** Susan Lucero

Communion Assistant: TBA **Ushers:** Paul Commins & Ebenezer Emmanuel

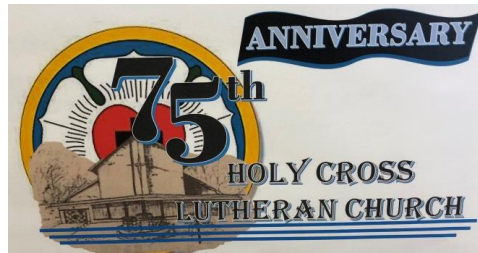
Flowers & Eternal Light

The Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Tristan by Pastor and Virginia.

The Eternal Lamp is given by Mercy Sowho to the glory of God!

Anniversary Celebration!

Holy Cross Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary **NEXT SUNDAY, August 25!**



The Reverend Paul Birner will be our guest preacher. Pastor Birner is a son of the congregation and is now serving King of Kings Lutheran Church Seattle, Washington. **A reception will follow.**



We are looking for people to help man our information day booth on Saturday, August 31st. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.