

**Prince of Peace  
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**Sunday August 15, 2021**

**Communion in place**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



**“The one who eats this bread will live forever.”**

**John 6.58**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Today Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of

his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56)

## **Prayer**

### **Call to Worship:**

This is the day the Lord has made,

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from you.**

Bless us as we hear your word.

**Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

### **Time for Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,

**the God of manna,**

**the God of miracles,**

**the God of mercy. Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is 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 go?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life**

**and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

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.

**you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen**

# Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the day:** Let us pray, Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Word Children's Moment

### First Reading: Proverbs 9.1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 34.9-14**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

### **Gospel Greeting: (sing it out!)**

**Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia,  
Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia!**

### **Gospel: John 6.51-58**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give  
for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this  
man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell  
you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you  
have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have  
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true  
food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my  
blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and  
I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of  
me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which  
your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will  
live forever.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

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Al-le-lu--ia, Al-le--lu--ia!

## Message:

### Around You, O Lord Jesus

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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## **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.

## **The Peace**

### **Announcements**

**--Weds. Bible Study 10 AM-we are at Prince of Peace for August**

**--Non-perishable food drive to support the pantry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Edith Stein.**

**--Thirsty Thursday: Pictures to [prandall22@gmail.com](mailto:prandall22@gmail.com). Theme: "Stand Up!"**

### **Offering Prayer**

**Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper

understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of the fires around the world and in the West and those in the way of Fred in Cuba, the Bahamas and Florida. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts and the dangers of this pandemic. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly especially Carole, Sue, Olga and Peter. Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with Mary, mother of Jesus, and all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Holy Communion**

We, who are many, are one body, as we share this one bread.  
The gifts of God for the people of God!

#### **Thanks be to God!**

*(We share in communion in place, during the meditation hymn)*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion:**

**Jesus, Bread of Life,**

**We have received from your table more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have fed us in this meal,**

**Now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

**In your name we pray, Amen**

## **Blessing:**

May the blessing of God,

who provides for us, who feeds us, and who is with us wherever we go, be

upon you, now and forever. **Amen!**

## **Faith of Our Fathers**

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.

### *Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to thee till death.

- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain*

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**Thank you for joining us!**

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