22nd Sunday after Pentecost
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Service with Holy Communion

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7–9

7 Thus says the LORD:
“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you* to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,* and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

Hebrews 7:23–28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse
They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Sixth Commandment

What is the Sixth Commandment?

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Sit

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
2 When those whom I regard ed As trust-worth y and sure
3 The Lord my life ar rang es; Who can His work destroy?
4 Each day at His good pleasure God’s gracious will is done.

But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.
Have long from me depart ed, God’s grace shall still endure.
In His good time He changes All sorrow into joy.
He sent His greatest treasure In Jesus Christ, His Son.

He stretches out His hand In evening and in morning,
He rescues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
So let me then be still: My body, soul, and spirit
He every gift imparts. The bread of earth and heaven.

My life with grace adorns me Wh er e- ver I may stand.
I leave death’s fear behind me; His peace I have with in.
His tender care is her it Ac cord ing to His will.
Are by His kindness given. Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
The world’s unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.
For thus the Father willed it,
    Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
    And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
    To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
    O praise the Three in One!

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P Confident that for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, our God will hear our cries and be attentive to the voice of our pleas, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For preachers and laborers of God’s harvest, sent to gather His elect from the farthest parts of the earth; for pastors and missionaries, that He would sustain them faithful in their callings; especially for Charles, Emilie, Ruth and Lyman, for Chunlin and David, and for our congregations and their servants, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For every Christian household, that since our Savior always lives to make intercession for us, we would be constant in the sacrifices of prayer and good works, offered not out of our own weakness but by the holy, once-for-all service of Christ, our High Priest, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P That God would strike down every hostile and haughty opponent who would rebuke the voice of faith with its cries and prayers;
C Lord, have mercy.

P That God would uphold her majesty the Queen, our Canadian Parliament and Prime Minister Justin, our National Assembly and Premier Francois, all our mayors and councilors and for our municipal elections in November, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who cry to the Lord for mercy, [especially Masih, Larry, Carrie, Mala, Donald, and Betty.] that God would give steadfast faith and be pleased to grant recovery, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune this day, that with eyes of faith they would discern the true body and blood of Christ distributed in His New Testament and so taste and see that He is good, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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 we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, Lord, we pray.

Distribution

The Lord’s Supper is a gift from Christ, offered to those He is building together as one body. Members who have pledged themselves to each other and to the teaching at Ascension through the Rite of Confirmation are invited to receive (1 Cor. 1:10).

Those not members of Ascension but who would like to receive the Sacrament are invited to meet with Pastor after worship to discuss a period of instruction (Ephesians 4:20-24).
619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

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744 Amazing Grace

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The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.
836 O God of Light

1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un-fail-ing,
   Shall pierce the dark ness of our earth-bound way
   And guide our foot-steps to the per-fect day.

2 From days of old, through blind and will-ful a-ges,
   Though we re-bel-led, You gent-ly sought a-gain
   And spoke through saints, a-pos-tles, proph-ets, sa-ges,
   Who wrote with ea-ger or re-luc-tant pen.

3 Un-dimmed by time, those words are still re-veal-ing
   To sin-ful hearts Your jus-tice and Your grace;
   And quest-ing spir-its, long-ing for Your heal-ing,
   See Your com-pas-sion in the Sav-ior’s face.

4 To all the world Your sum-mons You are send-ing,
   Through all the earth, to ev-’ry land and race,
   That myr-iad tongues, in one great an-them blend-ing,
   May praise and cel-e-brate Your gift of grace.