

Church of the Ascension

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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Prelude

Liebes-Romanze - W. Popp, Carol Wollenberg, flute

Welcome

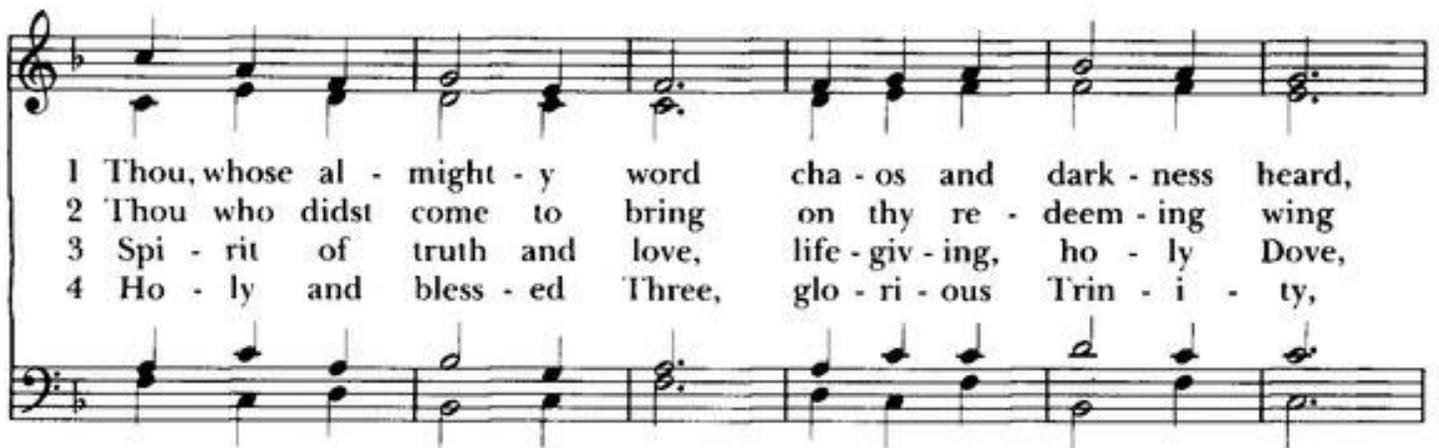
Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #371

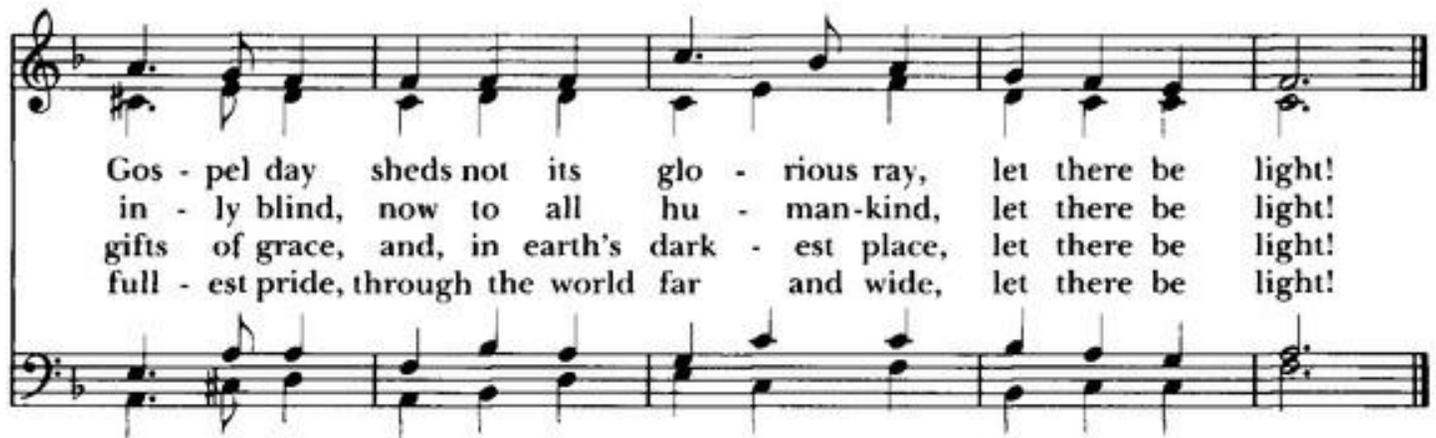
Thou, Whose Almighty Word, w.1,4



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your

children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133.

Bill Turnipseed - Cantor

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Acclamation

Calvary Service - Thomas Pavlechko



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt b

answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Homily

The Rev. Heather Wenrick

Prayers of the People

Presider Loving God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust let us pray:

Leader Gracious God, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Embolden us, O God, and build our courage each day, to hear the suffering of others and reach out in compassion. That each of us might feel heard in the world.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Open our hearts and minds to those who seem separate and different from us, knowing that Your love is offered freely to all. Help us heal our divisions and recognize the abundance of your creation.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader We pray for our enemies, and those who persecute us; May they receive the love of God.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. May their example inspire and encourage us.
Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Prayers of intercessions and thanksgiving are invited either silently or in the chat area to be shared with others.

Prayer for a Birthday

Watch over thy child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Lord of the mountain peak, whose light reveals the earth a dwelling place for love; Lord of the overshadowing, whose darkness confounds the lie that we can possess you: transform our heart and mind that we might listen to him who bears the weight of glory in the lightness of our flesh; through Jesus Christ, the Chosen One. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - arr.P.Manz*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

[\(Giving Link HERE\)](#)

Holy Communion (adapted from Enriching Our Worship 2)

Presider God dwells in you.

All **And also in you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of wind and flame, your Spirit nurtured life in outrageous diversity; She is with us now, bringing Christ near, filling our worship, guiding us in hope.

Presider From your love and in your image you created us, breathing your spirit into the dust of the earth. When we failed to live in love, you loved us anyway, refusing to let us go. In Jesus of Nazareth you showed us what we might become. In miracle and mystery Jesus was born, as we are born, and lived as we might live. In the fullness of his life, Jesus revealed the self-centeredness of our lives. So we sought to silence him. But we could not. The resurrection and ascension revealed the indestructible power of God's inexhaustible love.

On the night before Jesus died he shared a meal with his disciples. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take. Eat. This is my body that I share with you. Remember me whenever you eat, and offer your food and yourselves to the world."

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine. When he had blessed it, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant of forgiveness that I share with you and with all. Remember me whenever you drink, and forgive."

Now, gracious God, we offer our thanks for this bread and wine, the fruit of field and vine, and the body and blood of self-offering and compassion. We pray that the presence of your Holy Spirit will sanctify our meal, that we, like Christ, may love, heal, forgive and speak truth to all people. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Communion of God's People

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Gracious God, we give you thanks for feeding us with the Sacrament, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching our parish family by sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Moosröschen - W. Popp, Carol Wollenberg, flute

Coffee Hour follows this Prayer Service on Zoom. A time to be together virtually, pray together and share in this blessed day. Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83946950580>

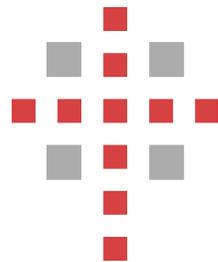
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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.
Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,
based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



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We **acknowledge** that the land upon which we are gathering is the traditional ancestral and unceded territory of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People.

