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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – arr. Courtney

Welcome

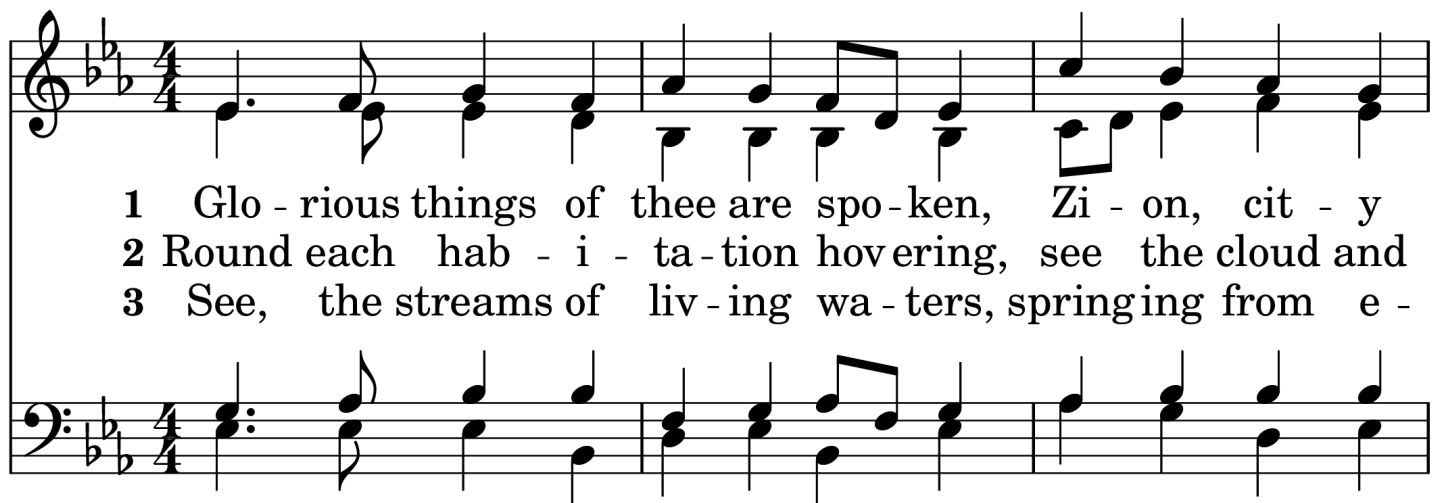
Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

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

Opening Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, w. 1,3



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hovering, see the cloud and
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, springing from e -

4



of our God. God, whose word can - not be bro - ken,
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters

7

formed thee for a blest a - bode. On the rock of
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint while

10

a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
from their ban - ner light by night and
such a riv - er ev - er flows, their

12

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the man - na
thirst to as - suage? Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er,

15

thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
which God gives them when they pray.
ne - ver fails from age to age.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

**If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

**Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

**Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to the prey for their teeth.**
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler,
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
**Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 16:13-20

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

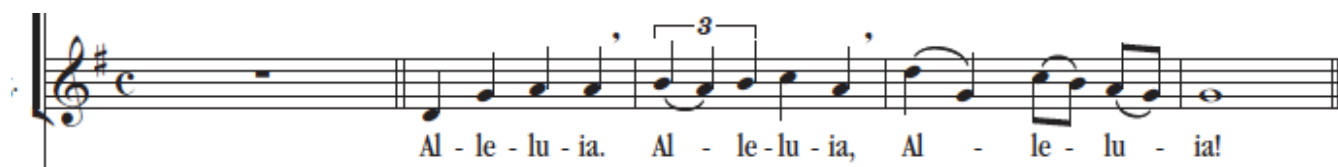
When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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Homily

Lay Preacher, Debbie Crouch

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 Living God, you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them build a way of peace: empower us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the debts of oppression, that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, anointed for the world. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory *Ubi caritas - Latin text, tr. J. Quinn; music, A. G. Murray.*

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling. Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal. Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

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

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory – arr. P. Manz

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:

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