

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

158 S. Hoernerstown Road

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Memorial of St. Clare of Assisi

August 11, 2022

7pm

Welcome to St. John!

Preparation for Worship

During this time, you are invited to prepare for worship by listening to the prelude, by praying and meditating, or by reading today's Scripture readings. *Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronics.*

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Gathering Hymn

Hymn #835

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High"

*Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Lord, have mercy**

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. God of mercy, you inspired St. Clare with the love of poverty. By the help of her example may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit and come to the joyful vision of your glory in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 12:1-12

A reading from Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house; they have eyes to see but do not see, and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious house. Now, son of man, during the day while they are looking on, prepare your baggage as though for exile, and again while they are looking on, migrate from where you live to another place; perhaps they will see that they are a rebellious house. You shall bring out your baggage like an exile in the daytime while they are looking on; in the evening, again while they are looking on, you shall go out like one of those driven into exile; while they look on, dig a hole in the wall and pass through it; while they look on, shoulder the burden and set out in the darkness; cover your face that you may not see the land, for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel. I did as I was told. During the day I brought out my baggage as though it were that of an exile, and at evening I dug a hole through the wall with my hand and, while they looked on, set out in the darkness, shouldering my burden. Then, in the morning, the word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, did not the house of Israel, that rebellious house, ask you what you were doing? Tell them: Thus says the Lord GOD: This oracle concerns Jerusalem and the whole house of Israel within it. I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them; as captives they shall go into exile. The prince who is among them shall shoulder his burden and set out in darkness, going through a hole he has dug out in the wall, and covering his face lest he be seen by anyone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:56-62

But they tested the Most High God, | and defied him,
and did not keep | his commandments.

**They turned away and were disloyal | like their fathers;
they were undependable like | a warped bow.**

They grieved him | with their hill-altars
and provoked his displeasure | with their idols.

**When God heard this, | he was angry
and utterly re- | jected Israel.**

He forsook the | shrine at Shiloh,
the tabernacle where he had lived a- | mong his people.

**He delivered the ark in- | to captivity,
his glory into the adver- | sary's hand.**

He gave his people | to the sword
and was angered against | his inheritance.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel Announcement**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: A reading from holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:21–19:1

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.” When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Inspire us by the witness of St. Clare and make us eager to share the good news of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Teach us to cherish all creation as your garden. Shelter all creatures from danger. Renew places affected by drought or flooding. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Grant wisdom and compassion to those who govern and to all in positions of authority. Establish peace among the nations and harmony within our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bless all whose generosity supports the ministry of these congregations. Energize us to live out our faith in the Risen Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: With thanksgiving we remember St. Clare and all the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in you. Inspire us by their witness and example, and bring us at last to dwell with them in your presence forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Meal

Offertory

***Hymn of the Day**

Hymn #659

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*Offertory Prayer

P: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

P: Lord, may the gifts we bring you help us follow the example of St. Clare. Cleanse us from our earthly way of life, and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.


*Dialogue



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

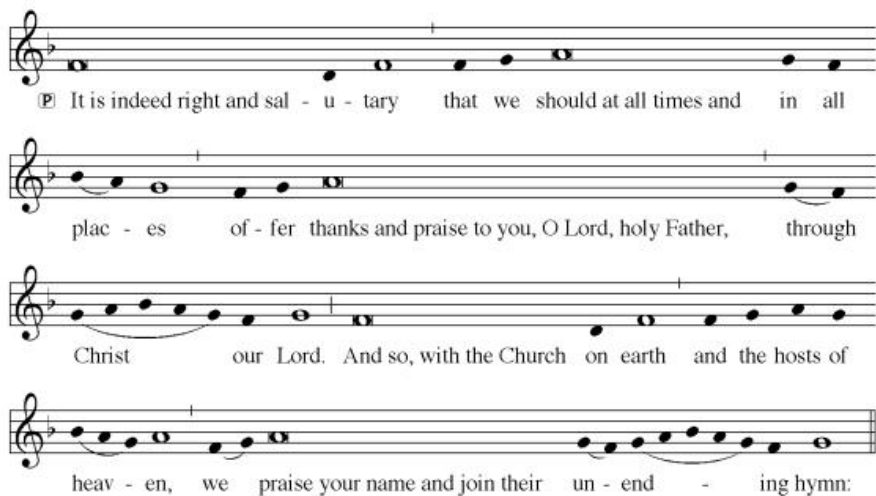


Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



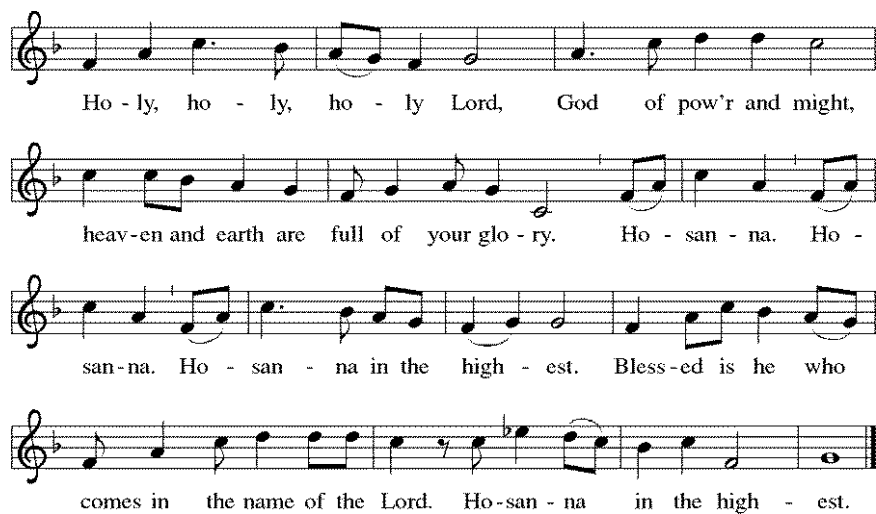
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Preface



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all
places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his
resurrection, that we who receive the
Lord's body and blood may live to the
praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Join our prayers with those of your servants of every
time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless
petitions of our great high priest until he comes as
victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him,
in him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.
C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus
taught us.

**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**

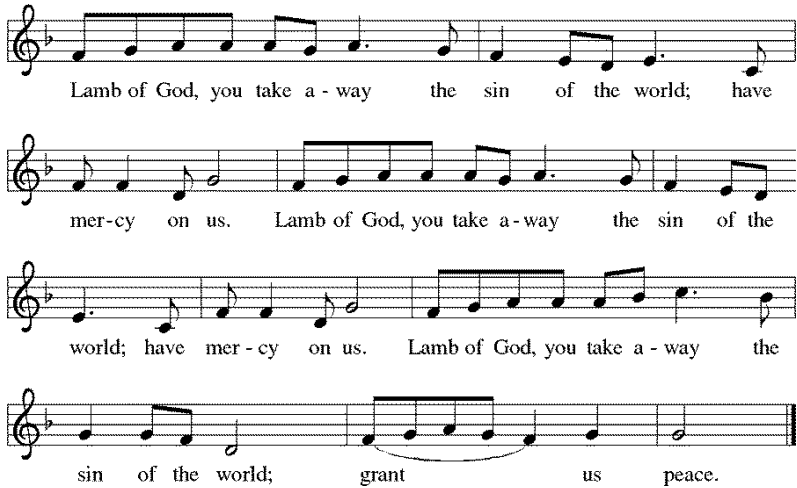
***Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say
"Peace be with you" or similar words.*

*Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Holy Communion

P: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Every baptized Christian is invited to the Lord's Supper. If you would like a blessing, please indicate that to the Pastor. Quietly make your way to the line and receive the bread from the Pastor and the wine from the Assisting Minister and then return to your seats. If you need communion brought to you, please raise your hand or let the ushers know.

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

A: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond Amen.

Communion Distribution

*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Lord, may our reception of the body and blood of your Son keep us from harmful things. Help us by the example of St. Clare to grow in your love on earth that we may rejoice forever in heaven. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

***Blessing**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✚ and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Hymn #422

“For all the Saints”

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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