

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
“A BLENDED SERVICE”**

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SONG

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
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Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
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OPENING SENTENCES

- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
- C** **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

C **steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.**

P Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

C **who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 announce the grace of God to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through 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 *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from

the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1–11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to

himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

SONG OF THE DAY *782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
 New each morning all our days.
 For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
 Through the sharing of Your blessings
 May bring glory to Your name.

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
 Knew the care of faithful friends;
 May our deeds of dedication
 Offer love that never ends. Refrain

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SERMON

Chasing Our Tails

APOSTLES' CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Together we pray our family prayer:
G **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

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

G Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world
Grant us peace
Grant us peace

Text: John Strege

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

Shout to the North

Men of faith rise up and sing,
Of the great and glorious King,
You are strong when you feel weak.
In Your brokenness, complete.

Shout to the North and the South,
Sing to the East and the West,
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth!

Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts,
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love.

Shout to the North and the South,
Sing to the East and the West,
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth!

Rise up church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high,
By His grace again we'll fly.

Shout to the North and the South,
Sing to the East and the West,
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth!

Shout to the North and the South,
Sing to the East and the West,
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth!
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DISMISSAL

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.
- G** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG

There Is Power

Where two - or more - are gathered in His name
He is there
For all - who come - who run to Him in faith
He is there

There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name
There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name

No fear - no lie - can stand against us now
He is here
The Word - has come - to silence ev'ry doubt
He is here

There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name
There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name

One name one name can save
One name breaks ev'ry chain
One name always one name Jesus
One name one name remains
One name we will proclaim
One name always one name

There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name
There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name

There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name
There is power - in the name of Jesus
There is power - power in His name

Oh_____ there's power in His name
Oh_____ there's power in His name

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