

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [PROPER 14]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2005 - 5:30 PM

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“Lord, save me.” One of the most ancient prayers of the liturgy is this cry of Peter in today’s gospel reading. Lord, save me. How many times in frightening moments have we not shouted or murmured this simple prayer? Faced with a threatening situation or devastating news, we recognize that left to our own devices we will not survive. Such a moment of recognition signals our deep need for God’s merciful presence in our lives.

In the liturgy, we hear these words again. Lord, have mercy. Lord, to whom shall we go? Come, Lord Jesus. In our singing and speaking of these words, we ask Christ to strengthen our faith so that we might hear the cry for help in daily life and respond with Christ’s own words: Take heart; do not be afraid.

Saturday, August 6, 2005

5:30 p.m. Worship

Take Heart!

Everyone experiences challenges along life’s path. A loving couple, eager to have children, suffers yet another miscarriage. A high school track star discovers she has a life-threatening heart defect and struggles to take it easy. A promising corporate manager receives a lay-off notice instead of the promotion he had been expecting. The neighborhood’s favorite grandma decides she must sell her home of forty years and move into an assisted living facility.

When storms assail us, it is easy to lose heart. We yearn to understand: “Why is this happening to us?” We grieve the loss of dreams: “Will I ever feel such joy again?” We are filled with self-doubt: “What could I have done wrong?” We do battle with a sense of dread: “What’s going to happen to me now?”

When Jesus’ disciples were buffeted by wind and wave, Jesus stretched out his hand and reassured them with a grace-filled command: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” He came to them in their terror and restored their faith.

Jesus walks with us on our journey, too, offering comfort, strength, and hope. He takes his place beside us as we are drenched in the waters of baptism. He shadows us, step by step, as we fulfill our roles in the family of God—pointing the way, steadying us when we stumble, nourishing us, quenching our thirst. He invites to his table: “Take and eat; take and drink.”


“Take heart, it is I,” he announces. Fear vanishes. Sorrow fades. Forgiveness flourishes. Grace envelops us. Faith rains down on us.

However rocky our path, however weary we become, we can count on Jesus to be with us. He endured storms more violent than we can even imagine, but through the wind and waves his voice breaks through: “Take heart, it is I.”

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** Stand if you are able.

Leader:



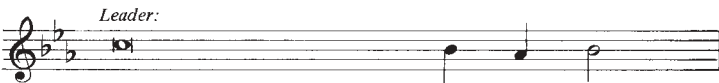
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

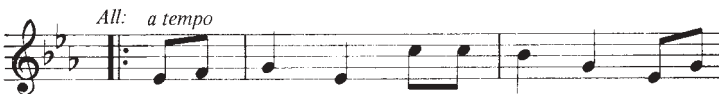
All:



and shine within your peo-ple here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

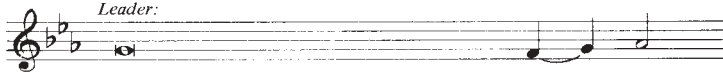


light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to _____ God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

Let us pray.

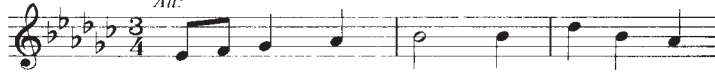
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

All:



Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -



fore you, the lift-ing up of my



hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

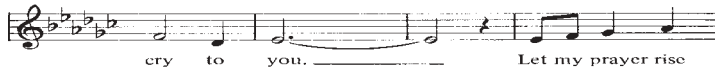
Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):



O God, I call to you, come to me



now; O hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



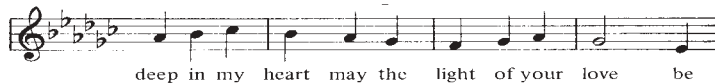
up like in cense be - fore you, the



lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to




you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



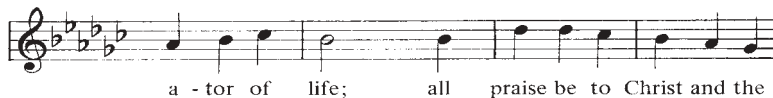
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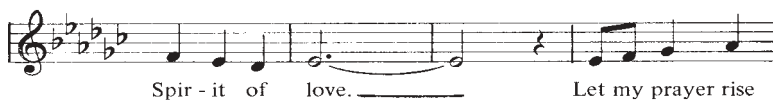
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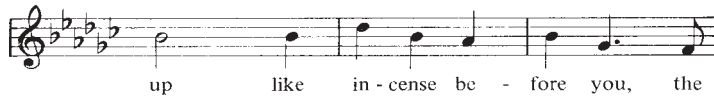
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from 1 Kings.

On the mountain where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah is now presented with a dramatic shift in the understanding of where God is to be found. God is not to be found in these signs. Rather, God is among the people, where the will of God is being lived out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans.

Paul is discussing how we may attain the righteousness that leads to salvation. One way, he grants, would be to keep the law, but he has already shown that it is impossible. Then, he proclaims the good news about "righteousness that comes by faith."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

** **GOSPEL VERSE** (spoken)

Alleluia. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Alleluia. (Heb. 11:1)

**** HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to these disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their fear and doubt.

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

SERMON

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 334 LBW (green hymnal)**

Jesus, Savior Pilot Me

**** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (spoken)**

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Gathered, enlightened, and empowered to serve, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all people seeking God's mercy and care.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, holy God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**** PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering plate located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

We ask that our members complete a green card and our visitors a gold card and leave them in the offering plate in the narthex. Cards are located in the pew racks. Thank You.

- ** **GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)
 (Please gather around the Communion Rail with your blue hymnal.)
 The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

DIALOG AND THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ** **LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)
 Let us pray.
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.

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Communicant may say **Amen.**

- BLESSING** (spoken)
 The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

- ** **BLESSING** (sung)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a 2/4 time signature. The first staff is labeled 'Leader:' and 'All:' and contains the lyrics 'Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.' The second staff is labeled 'Presider:' and contains the lyrics 'May God, Cre-ator bless us and keep us, may'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat.

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the
 Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for
 all of our days. _____
 A - men.

** HYMN 781 WOV (blue hymnal)

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

POSTLUDE

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