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• Season of Pentecost 2024 •
Blessing of the Animals



Sunday Worship
10:00 am

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Community for 172 years*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen

P Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

**C You have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

We are overwhelmed

by the world's violence and suffering.

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

Lead us back to you

and set us on the right path;

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN WOV 764 "Blest Are They"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 12:7-10

⁷“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ⁸ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. ⁹Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? ¹⁰In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD
from the heavens; praise God
in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²young men and maidens, old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all
faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah! shall not be in want.

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Guest Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Friendly Beasts”

APOSTLES CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregation prays in unison.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as
to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *(Please safely share a sign of peace.)*

OFFERING “God Dog Song”

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us
into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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

P Lift up vour hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

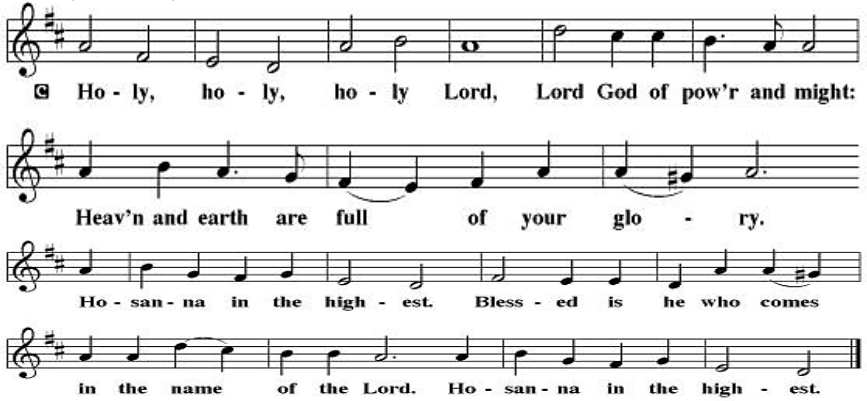
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right our duty ... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

THANKSGIVING

P In the night in which he was ... do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

(Please come forward to altar by center aisle.)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Response: Amen.

When all have communed, the minister may say:

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May God, who created the universe, and us together with all the creatures of earth, continue to protect and sustain us all, now and for ever. In the name of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Savior,

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

THE BLESSING

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN LBW 557 “Let All Things Now Living”

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE.