



## **SERVICE OF COMMUNION - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 8, 2024**

[P]=Pastor [A]=Assistant [R]=Reader [TFF]=This Far By Faith Hymnal  
\*=Stand if you are able

### **GATHERING**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **\* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and, of the Holy Spirit

[C] **Amen**

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen**

[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.

[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] Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**\* SHARING THE PEACE:**

[Pastor] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[Congregation] **And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN – *In Christ There Is No East or West (TFF #214)***

**1** In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

**2** In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

**3** Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

**4** In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*GREETING**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain: This Is The Feast Of The Risen Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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1. Worthy is Christ who died for us, who set us free on the cross.  
Worthy is Christ who died for us, who set us free on the cross. (*Refrain*)
2. Power and riches, wisdom thanks, be to our God and the Lamb.  
Power and riches, wisdom, thanks, be to our God and the Lamb. (*Refrain*)
3. Sing to the Lord a glorious hymn, and join creation's amen.  
Sing to the Lord a glorious hymn, and join creation's amen. (*Refrain*)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[A] Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

[C] **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### **First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

[R] The Word of the Lord

[C] **Thanks Be to God**

### **MUSICAL SELECTION – (Choir)**

### **Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

[R] The Word of the Lord [C] **Thanks Be to God**

**\*ALLELUIA VERSE: ALLELUIA! LORD, WHERE SHALL WE GO**

Verse 1: (Call) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go? (Response) Alleluia!  
**Lord, where shall we go?**

(Call) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go? (Response) Alleluia! Lord, where  
**shall we go?**

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(Call) Alleluia! (Response) Alleluia! Lord, where shall we go?

Verse 2: (Call) For you have the words of eternal life. (Response) For you  
**have the words of eternal life.**

(Call) For you have the words of eternal life. (Response) For you have the  
**words of eternal life.**

(Call) For you (Response) For you

(Call) For only you. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life.

(Call) For you (Response) For you

(Call) For only you. (Response) For you have the words of eternal life.

*(Repeat Verse 1)*

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: St. Mark Chapter 7:24-37**

**[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

**Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they

proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

**[P] The Gospel of the Lord**

**[C] Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

**Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your holy name!**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – *Help Me Jesus* (TFF #224)**

Help me, Jesus, to love my neighbor as myself. Help me, Jesus, to love my neighbor as myself. He doesn’t care ’bout the color of your skin or what religion you’ve been in. Help me, Jesus, to love my neighbor as myself.

### **\* THE CREED**

[P] Let us join together and confess our faith using the words of the Creed song.

**SONG – *I Believe I Do Believe***

*Refrain: I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It. I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It, Truly I Believe It.*

1. I believe in God the almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator. I believe in God the almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator. (*Refrain*)
2. I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people. I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people. (*Refrain*)
3. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit. And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit. (*Refrain*)

### **\* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH [Assisting Minister]**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each prayer petition is ended with “Lord in Your mercy” and responded to by “Hear our prayer”.*

## **OFFERING**

[A] Please take this time to prepare your tithes and offerings. Those worshipping on site should bring your offering forward during communion and place it in the offering plate at the front of the sanctuary.

**ANTHEM:** (*Choir*)

**\* OFFERTORY HYMN: *We Praise You God***

1. We praise you God, the creator of the heavens! We praise you God, the creator of the heavens! We praise you God the creator of the heavens! We praise you for giving us life!
2. We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We thank you for giving us life!
3. We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We bless you for giving us life!
4. We praise you God, the Creator of the heavens! We thank you Jesus, for all that you have given! We bless the Spirit, restoring us to wholeness! We thank you for giving us life!

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

**[C] Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

**MEAL**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

[P] The Lord be with you.

**[C] And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts

**[C] We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C] It is right to give God thanks and praise**

[P] It is indeed ....

1. Holy, holy, Lord, almighty, glory fills the earth. Holy, holy, Lord, almighty, glory fills the earth.

*Refrain: Holy holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.*

*Holy holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.*

2. Sing Hosanna in the highest to the Holy Lord. Sing Hosanna in the highest to the Holy Lord. (*Refrain*)

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed.....

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **\* PRAYER SONG – *Lord God Of Power and Fame***

1. (Call) Lord God of power and fame, (Response) Lord God of power and fame  
(Call) Hallowed be your name; (Response) Hallowed be your name  
(Call) Humbly your will be done, (Response) Humbly your will be done  
(Call) Until the kingdom come; (Response) Until the kingdom come  
(Call) The living depend on you, (Response) The living depend on you  
(Call) Forgiven and forgiving too; (Response) Forgiven and forgiving too  
(Call) Lord God of power and fame, (Response) Lord God of power and fame  
(Call) Hallowed be your name. (Response) Hallowed be your name.
2. (Call) Glory to you, O Lord (Response) Glory to you, O Lord,  
(Call) Holy forevermore; (Response) Holy forevermore  
(Call) Stay in temptation's hour! (Response) Stay in temptation's hour  
(Call) Breaking the tempter's pow'r. (Response) Breaking the tempter's pow'r  
(Call) The living depend on you, (Response) The living depend on you  
(Call) Forgiven and forgiving too; (Response) Forgiven and forgiving too  
(Call) Glory to you, O Lord, (Response) Glory to you, O Lord  
(Call) Holy forevermore. (Response) Holy forevermore.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

[P] Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:**

## **COMMUNION**

### ***Lamb Of God***

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.

### ***Come, Ye Disconsolate***

1 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

**2** Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure; here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

**3** Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

[C] **Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord***

Blessed be the name of the Lord. He is worthy to be praised and adored. So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Repeat*)

### **SENDING**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

[A] Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN – *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (At the Cross) (TFF #71)***

**1** Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?

Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

*Refrain: At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.*

**2** Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree! (*Refrain*)

**3** Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin. (*Refrain*)

**4** Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears; dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. (*Refrain*)

**5** But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away: it's all that I can do. (*Refrain*)



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† On **September 29<sup>th</sup>**, please join us in feeding at the Urban Ministries of Durham located at 410 Liberty St. Durham, NC 27701

† Please view the latest newsletter sent to the congregation via email and pick up a printed copy if you would like and share it!

**MISSION: We are Gathered and Sent to Proclaim, Serve and Share the Love of Jesus**

## **DISMISSAL**

[P] Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

[C] **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**