

# Holy Eucharist

## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:

### Proper 9B

July 4, 2021

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## Prelude

## Entrance Rite

*All stand as they are able.*

## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 657

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*All standing, the Presider says*

Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God, Creator,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of God's throne:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **First Reading**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh.  
<sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>9</sup>David occupied the stronghold, and named it the City of David. David built the city all around, from the Millo inward. <sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

## **Psalm 48**

- <sup>1</sup>Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is the holy hill.
- <sup>2</sup>**Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world, and the city of the great King.**
- <sup>3</sup>God is in her citadels; \*  
God is known to be her sure refuge.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.**
- <sup>5</sup>They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.
- <sup>6</sup>**Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**
- <sup>7</sup>As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.
- <sup>8</sup>**We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.**
- <sup>9</sup>Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.
- <sup>10</sup>**Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.**
- <sup>11</sup>Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.
- <sup>12</sup>**Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.**
- <sup>13</sup>This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
**God shall be our guide for evermore.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who, fourteen years ago, was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

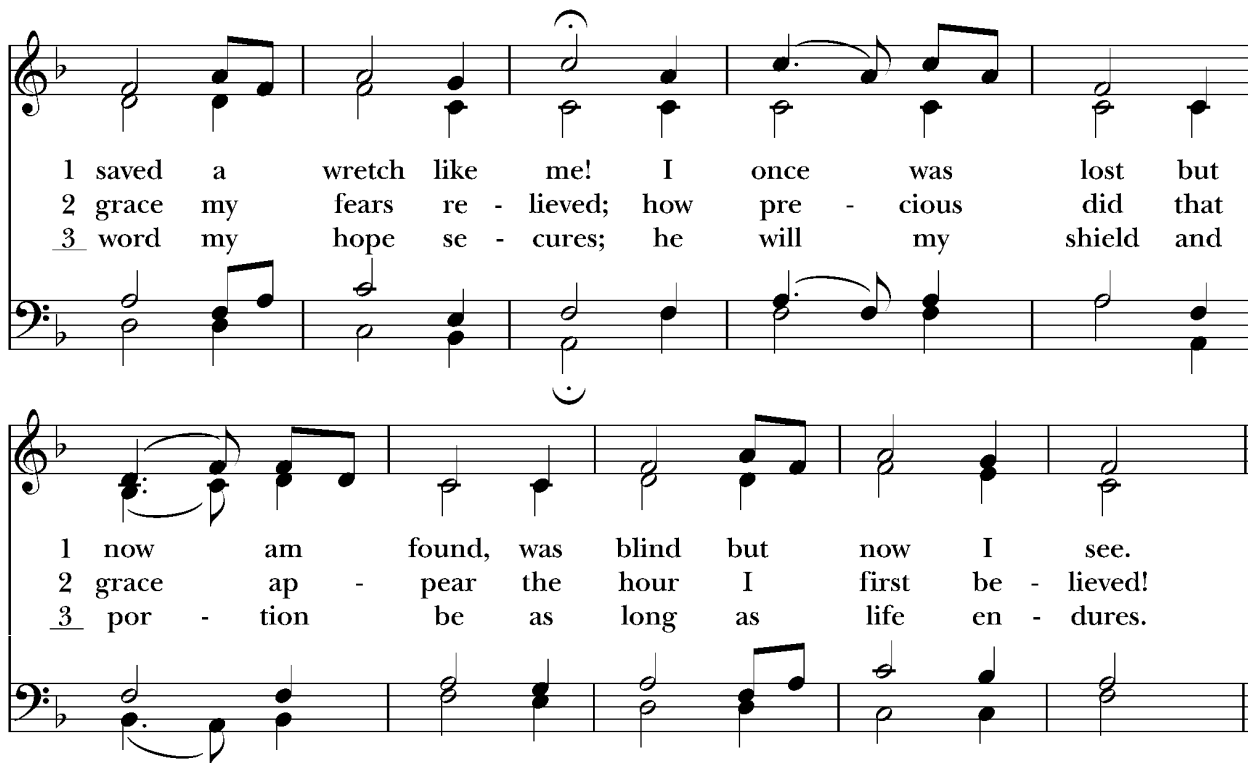
## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 671

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Amazing Grace'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse is 'A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that'. The second verse is ''Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and'. The third verse is 'The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

*Priest*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave,



shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Priest* The Gospel of our Savior.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*All stand as they are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*All remain standing.*

*Presider:* Ever present God, you come to us through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ, risen and manifest in every place and time: Grant that our eyes and ears may be open to his wisdom and his healing, that we may be sent forth in his name to do the work that he calls us to, as we pray: To you we lift up our eyes, for your power is made perfect in our weakness.

*Intercessor:* Gracious God, you have given authority to your Church over many things that threaten your creation. We pray for our bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig, all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our sisters and brothers worshipping at St James', Grosse Ile, St Philip's, Rochester; and Divine Providence, Guerra, in the Dominican Republic. Grant us the grace of your Spirit, that we may teach with Christ's wisdom and perform his deeds of power for the healing of the world. To you we lift up our eyes, **for your power is made perfect in our weakness.**

*Silence is kept.*

Let our nation hear the words of your prophets, to reveal our imprudence and stubbornness, and to change our hearts: Give us just and compassionate leaders, and protect our bulwarks and strongholds, that we may be a people of hospitality, welcoming your work of reconciliation and obeying your right hand of justice. To you we lift up our eyes, **for your power is made perfect in our weakness.**

*Silence is kept.*

Let your compassionate spirit go forth throughout the world to comfort and uphold all who suffer any form of weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities, that they may be upheld by your strength and justice. To you we lift up our eyes, **for your power is made perfect in our weakness.**

*Silence is kept.*

Enable this community to see and to hear heavenly things, and to treasure the mystery of your revelation so dearly, that we may recognize and accept the unexpected gifts offered to us by our neighbors, family, and friends. To you we lift up our eyes, **for your power is made perfect in our weakness.**

*Silence is kept.*



Strengthen us humbly to persevere through our tribulations, O God, and heal all who need your gift of mercy, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

We thank you for your goodness revealed in all the blessings of life, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Receive into Paradise all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

To you we lift up our eyes, **for your power is made perfect in our weakness.**

*Presider:* Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*All stand or kneel as they are able.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A period of silence is observed.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*A Priest then says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries

*Those present who will be celebrating their birthday or anniversary in July are invited to the Altar. This month, we honor the birthdays of Linda, Amy, Drake, Gracie, Jack, Scott, Nannette, Joseph, and Tim.*

### ***Prayer for a Birthday***

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Linda, Amy, Drake, Gracie, Jack, Scott, Nannette, Joseph, and Tim, as they begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Prayer for an Anniversary***

BCP p.429

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon *all couples*. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

## Peace

*All stand as they are able.*

*Presider*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

## Holy Communion

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

*The People then are seated.*

*How the Holy Communion is prepared*

The Presider, other Eucharistic Ministers, and any participating Acolytes must wash their hands, or use hand sanitizer, before celebrating and before distribution. Gloves will not be used.

The Presider alone will bring the bread and wine from the credence table to the Altar at the time of the offertory. All of the elements for Holy Communion will be placed on the Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer. The Presider alone stands at the altar, with others 6 feet or more away.

The **priest's wafer and chalice** will be uncovered in front of the Presider during the Eucharistic Prayer. They **are for the Presider alone**. They are consumed entirely by the Presider, or appropriately disposed of after the service.

The priest's wafer and the people's wafers will be kept separate at all times. The **people's wafers will be a container** on the Altar, which will remain covered throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

During consecration, the Presider will touch the container, not the wafers.

The **distribution** of consecrated wine is not permitted at this time (as of June 19, 2020 Diocese of Michigan directive).

### *How the Holy Communion will be distributed*

Everyone distributing communion will use hand sanitizer before they begin distribution. Gloves will not be used.

Communicants will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before receiving. Hand sanitizer will be available at the service.

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The people will come to the Altar rail as they are able. The Minister will place the bread in the hand. The distribution will happen without directly touching the hand of the person receiving. Hand-to-mouth distribution is not permitted. If hand-to-hand contact happens, the minister will re-sanitize.

If a blessing is preferred, the blessing will be given without touch.

***The people stand as they are able as a minister brings forward the alms basin.***

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing.*

# Great Thanksgiving

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**  
*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

Humble God, we rejoice to worship and enjoy you forever,  
for your grace is sufficient for us,  
and your power is made perfect in weakness.

You created the world as a theater for your companionship,  
and you raised up a people through whom  
all nations would find a blessing.

In David you brought together all the hopes of your chosen people.  
When your covenant was neglected and betrayed  
you sent Jesus, Son of David.

In his death and resurrection  
he restored the hopes of your people  
and the promise of your glory.

Though we forget you, never do you forget us.  
And so with all the company of heaven  
we lift up your everlasting praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

Mysterious and holy God, when your Son came to his hometown  
the people could not believe that one like them could be so much like you.  
Yet in wisdom and power he showed your face despite their unbelief.

Send your Holy Spirit † upon your church  
that all who gather in your name  
may find in you the joy of their desiring.

Send that same Spirit on these ordinary gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,  
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me:

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

Patient God, in Christ you endured weaknesses, insults,  
hardships, persecutions, and calamities for our sake;  
you became weak, that we might find our true strength lies in you.

As you equipped your servant Paul through every challenge to share your gospel,  
send your Holy Spirit on all who are weak,  
that they may be upheld in your power;  
on any who are insulted, that they may hear you calling them by name;  
on those who are persecuted,  
that they may know your justice, your vindication, and your peace.

Hasten the day when your tired, poor, homeless, and tempest-tossed may breathe free,  
lift their lamps beside your golden door,  
and celebrate the banquet of your realm, loving, liberating, and life-giving God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The Presider then says*

*Presider* God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready.  
It is the table of company with Jesus.  
It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified.  
So come to this table, you who have much faith  
or you who would like more;  
you who have been here often,  
and you who have not been here in a long time, or ever before.  
Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People **Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we  
be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh,  
loving and caring for the world.**

*The Presider then says*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, those who are not physically present here join us in offering you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since they cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into their hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us all with your grace, Lord Jesus, and never let us be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Live without fear: your creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you with a power and a presence that is stronger than death. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God + Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Lead me, guide me*

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Lead— me, guide— me, a - long the way,

The first system of music features a vocal line in treble clef and piano accompaniment in grand staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a half note 'Lead— me,' followed by a quarter note 'guide— me,' and then a half note 'a - long the way,'. The piano accompaniment includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in both the right and left hands.

For— if you lead me, I can - not stray.

The second system continues the piece. The vocal line has a half note 'For—' with a triplet of eighth notes above it, followed by a quarter note 'if you lead me,' and a half note 'I can - not stray.' with another triplet of eighth notes above it. The piano accompaniment continues with triplet markings in both hands.

Lord, — let me walk each day with Thee.

The third system features a vocal line with a half note 'Lord, —' with a triplet of eighth notes above it, followed by a quarter note 'let me walk each day with Thee.' The piano accompaniment includes a triplet in the right hand and a triplet in the left hand.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Fine**

The final system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note 'Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.' followed by a long, sustained note. The word 'Fine' is written above the staff. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet in the right hand.



1. I am weak— and I need thy strength and power to—  
 2. Help me tread— in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my  
 3. I am lost— if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me  
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am  
 3. blind with - out— thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,  
 2. put - ting all— my trust in thee.  
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*D.C.*

1. Lead me, Oh Lord,— lead me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord,— lead me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord,— lead me. \_\_\_\_\_

## Dismissal

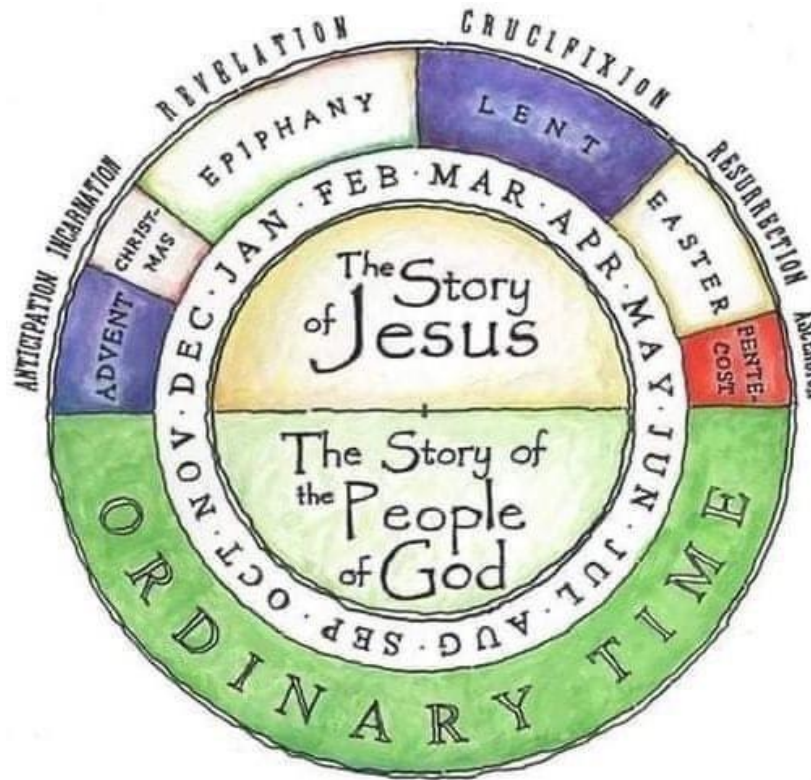
Minister

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Postlude



### OFFERING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS TO FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. **The usual "TOP ITEMS" needed are:** baked beans, coffee, canned tomatoes, hamburger helper (or any helper), spaghetti sauce, small cans Campbell's soup, ketchup, ranch dressing, cereal, 64oz fruit juices, chips, crackers, toilet paper, laundry soap, cleaning products. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. **The next Food Drive at the church will be July 25.** Please leave your donations at the church on that day.

Financial donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at [www.faithinaction1.org](http://www.faithinaction1.org), by Facebook, or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action*, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118. **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

## Upcoming Commemorations

- July 6 Eva Lee Matthews, Monastic, 1928;  
and, John (Jan) Hus, Prophetic Witness and Martyr, 1415  
8 Priscilla and Aquila, Co-workers of the Apostle Paul

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### Proper 9B July 4, 2021

**2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10** The breadth of David’s story throughout scripture is here condensed and blessed in the tenth verse of 2 Samuel 5: “And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.” This emphatic illumination of God’s presence repeats a refrain that has been persistent throughout David’s rise to power: God is with him (1 Samuel 16:18, 17:37, 18:14), and it is here that this rather climactic anointing of David as king of a united Israel lays bare a master class in fidelity.

Amidst considerable political tumult, the tribes of Israel express fidelity to David as their true leader. It is not merely the tribe of Judah (by which David has already been anointed in 2:1-4) that exhibits this faithfulness, but rather “all the tribes of Israel” who come to profess their trust in David’s kinship, leadership, and divine blessing. David then solidifies his own fidelity to Israel in his making of a covenant, and the culmination of this mutual profession in David’s anointing gathers up the divinely wrought movements of prophecy in a revelation of the Lord’s own steadfastness.

Astute preachers would do well to note the lectionary’s neglect of verses 6-8. These detail some of the more violent dimensions of David’s conquering of Jerusalem. While their descriptions certainly challenge our preferred embrace of David as hero, they nevertheless do not diminish this passage’s overwhelming insistence upon the perfection of God’s abidance.

- Where and when has the faithfulness of God’s presence seemed most abundant? When has your sense of God’s faithfulness perhaps been challenged?

**Psalms 48** At times, psalms seem to pray within us, lending words to unutterable intimacy between the soul and God. At others, the psalms turn outward, calling out to the world to behold the works and wonder of the Almighty. Psalm 48 is a psalm so outwardly oriented - a passionate, exultant hymn of praise for the One who has preserved his own people and holy city. God has triumphed over all adversity in fidelity and strength, and thus the psalmist and all who hear are called to rejoicing. An eternal dimension emerges in the final connection of the Lord’s glory in the establishment of his city for the ages to come: “This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.” Just as David’s anointing in our first reading heralded a new and blessed event in the story of Israel, the psalmist’s praise calls the heart into spirited recognition of the endurance, perfection, and sanctity of the Lord’s own work.

- What might this psalm have to say to us in the Church today? Does the imagery of a triumphant God in Jerusalem resonate with how we know, pray to, and worship God in our own context?

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10** Paul addresses the Corinthians in an excerpt that follows his “fool’s speech,” a passage where he has taken upon the persona of a “fool” to challenge those among them who have made false and self-aggrandizing claims to authority. Much of the speech is ripe with irony, and Paul criticizes those who have held up personal triumphs and private revelations as evidence for their own divinely-sanctioned supremacy. He here continues to counter these false claims with a reorientation toward Christ. Even were his own experiences so powerful as to justify boasting, the boast could not be of his own might or holiness, but rather only in the Lord whose power is made “perfect in weakness.” The Greek word for perfected in this passage suggests not so much an immediate bestowal of a perfected state as it intimates a ripening to fullest maturity. Weakness invites us into recognition of and surrender to our dependence upon God. In what the world perceives as weakness, our spirits deepen to be filled by the true power found only in the revelation of Jesus.

- How does false authority differ from the authority of Jesus Christ? What might the authority of Christ inspire from us in terms of our own behavior, prayer, and treatment of others?

**Mark 6:1-13** This passage from the Gospel of St. Mark offers revelatory insight into a life of discipleship. As Jesus and his disciples continue their ministry in Jesus’ own hometown of Nazareth, they are met with the breadth of human response to that which is unexpected: astonishment, incredulity, and even antagonism. One might expect a homecoming to be joyful and rich in blessing, but how often have we returned home, changed after a time away, to find ourselves somewhat distant from those who knew us best? Even for Jesus, a life in God’s service (into which he is knit intimately as the second Person

of the Trinity) is rife with complexity. Notably, Mark stands alone among the gospels in mentioning that despite rejection, Jesus “laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.” His work continues even amidst unbelief, and the following description of the commissioning of the disciples is thus imbued with particular power. Though the world may refuse them honor, hospitality, or even dignity, they are to go forth, to travel light in companionship with one another, to seek sustenance among this fledgling community of believers, and to persist in the holy work of their beloved Lord.

There is a delicate irony in Jesus’ instruction to the disciples to “shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against” those who do not receive them. Rabbinic literature features the image of shaking the dust from one’s feet as a ritual act of the faithful Jew upon return to Israel after a journey through unclean lands. Jesus has just been rejected in Nazareth. What might this statement mean regarding his own community? Ultimately it is revealed to be true that hardship, uncertainty, and rejection are just as much a part of discipleship as joy, fruitfulness, and peace. In fair weather and foul, the work of the Word continues to heal and to redeem.

- How do we change how we live out our faith based on the circumstances that surround us? Do we remain authentic to who God has called us to be?
- Where do we find hope amidst the hardships of discipleship?

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