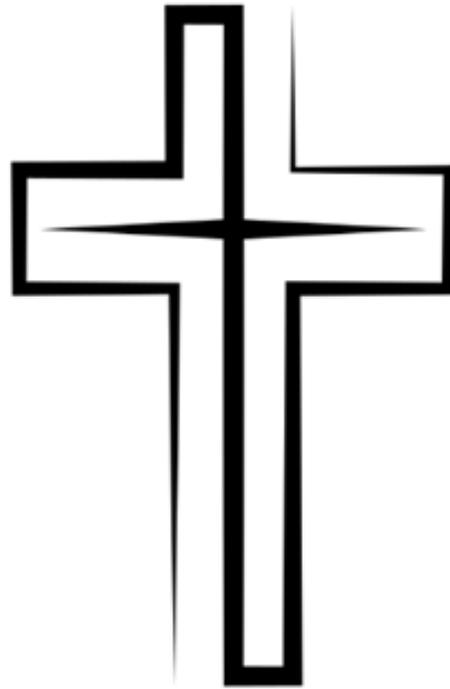


# Church of the Holy Cross



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Communion

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# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

## Prelude

### Opening Hymn VF 107 *Let all things now living*

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.  
*People* **For ever and ever. Amen.**

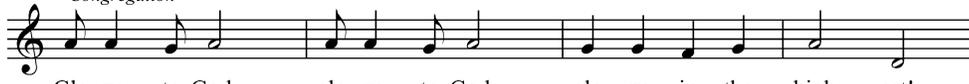
**Hymn of Praise** MHSO 11 *Glory to God*

*Cantor*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

*Congregation*

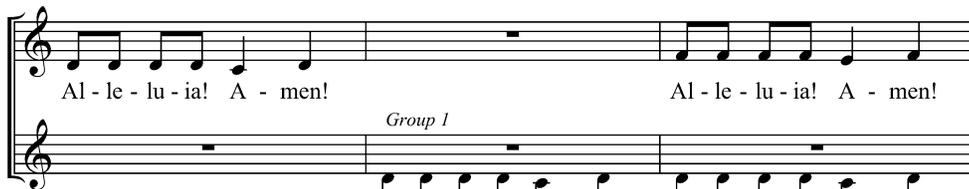


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

*Cantor* *Congregation*

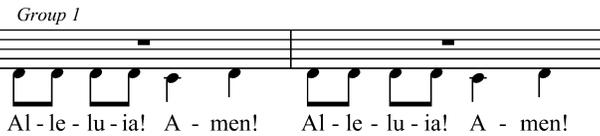


To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 1*



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

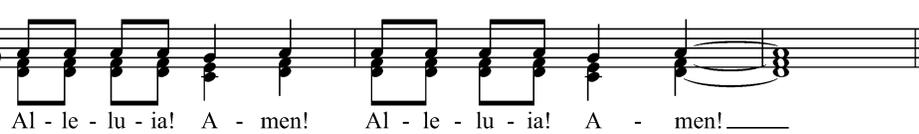
*Group 2* *Group 3*



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! \_\_\_\_\_



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

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**Collect of the Day**

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**Hebrew Scripture Reading**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Reader* A Reading from the second Book of Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

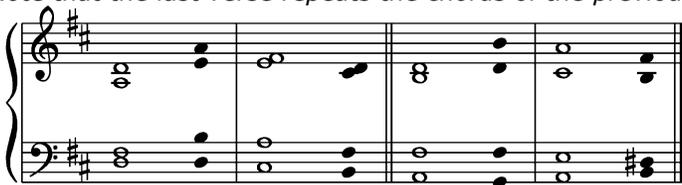
But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 111

*In each line, the note changes at the "/" mark. Listen until you get the idea and then jump in when ready!  
 Note that the last verse repeats the chords of the previous verse. EOM1 72*



- 1 Hallelujah!  
 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole / heart, \*  
 in the assembly of the upright, in the congre- / gation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the / Lord! \*  
 they are studied by all who delight in / them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and / splendor, \*  
 and his righteousness endures for / ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re- / membered; \*  
 the Lord is gracious and full of com- / passion.
- 5 He gives food to those who / fear him; \*  
 he is ever mindful of his / covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his / works \*

in giving them the lands of the / nations.  
 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice; \*  
 all his commandments are / sure.  
 8 They stand fast for ever and / ever, \*  
 because they are done in truth and / equity.  
 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
 he commanded his covenant for / ever; \*  
 holy and awesome is his / Name.  
 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of / wisdom; \*  
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
 his praise endures for / ever.

**New Testament Reading**

2 Timothy 2:8-15

*Reader* A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
 if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
 if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
 if we are faithless, he remains faithful--  
 for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

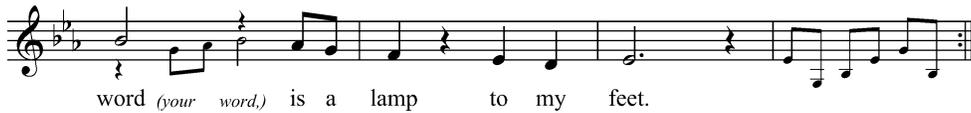
**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn** MHSO 81 *Your Word*

*Echo on repeat*

Your word, (your word,) your word (your word,) is a  
 lamp to my feet. Your word, (your word,) your  
 word (your word,) is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my  
 path. (and a light to my path.) Your word, (your word,) your



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## Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Ms. Carol Bennett

**Creed** *Please stand as you are able.*

### **We believe in God**

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that wants to enslave us all  
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and doubting, we trust in God;  
and, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,  
in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace,  
to care for the earth and to share the common wealth of God's goodness,  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love;**

**And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,  
for the glory of God. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People** (Form II)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Bonnie and Sean; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the wellbeing of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** *Stand as you are able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All** **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 your Son 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.**

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

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*God's Peace is exchanged with one another.*

**LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Music** H 567 *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

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### Communion Prayer (Prayer A, adapted)

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, All-loving God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus S 129 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



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Holy and gracious Creator: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Protector of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Holy One, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**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 *(Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

## Fraction WLP 874 *Whoever eats this bread*

*Principal Canon*

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

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## The Communion of the People

*No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. *Amen.*

## Communion Music H 602 *Jesu, Jesu*

*Chorus*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
- 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.

white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.

love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.

slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

### Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly One, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind.

And as you go may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be in your hearts and among you, this day and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn LEVAS 61 *The right hand of God*

1. The right hand of God is writ-ing in our land,  
2. The right hand of God is point-ing in our land,  
3. The right hand of God is strik-ing in our land,  
4. The right hand of God is heal-ing in our land,  
5. The right hand of God is plant-ing in our land,

1. Writ - ing with pow - er and with love, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Point - ing the way we must go. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Strik - ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Plant - ing seeds of free - dom, hope, and love. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our  
2. So cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we  
3. Our sel - fish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un -  
4. So won - drous is its touch with love that means so  
5. In these Ca - rib - bean lands, let His peo - ple all join

1. tears Are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.  
2. stray, But we're guid - ed by the right hand of God.  
3. just Are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.  
4. much, When we're healed by the right hand of God.  
5. hands, And be one by the right hand of God.

Words: Patrick Prescod

## Going into the World

*Deacon* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

## Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.  
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

### Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Larry Jansen  
Reader 2: Rebecca McCormick  
Prayer: Jane Foote  
Greeter/Usher: Cathi Peterson & Anita Stromberg  
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