

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, August 15, 2021**

Lectionary 20 Proper 15

12th Sunday after Pentecost

### **Introduction to the day**

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

### **.GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **GATHERING SONG**

### **LORD HAVE MERCY**

*Verse 1:*

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom  
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again

*Refrain:*

Lord have mercy  
Christ . . . have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ . . . have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

*Verse 2:*

I have built an altar where I worship things of man  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing  
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again

*Refrain*

*Verse 3:*

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night

*Refrain 2 times*

## **WELCOME**

*(We stand as we are able)*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

## **TOMLIN**

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Hear our cry and heal our land  
Let kindness lead us to repentance  
Bring us back again

*Refrain:*

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace  
Kyrie Eleison  
Over all You reign, You alone can save  
Kyrie Eleison  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy on us now

*Bridge:*

Who is this God who pardons all our sin?

So ready to forgive

You delight to show Your mercy

*(repeat)*

*Repeat refrain two times.*

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy on us now

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Ever-loving God,

**your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*(We are seated as we hear God's holy word)*

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

L: A reading from Proverbs.

#### **FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14** (*We read responsively by whole verse*)

- <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.  
<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**  
<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**  
<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

L: A reading from Ephesians.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20**

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(We stand as we are able for the reading of the gospel)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**HOLY IS THE LORD**

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Oh, Sing to the Lord**

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- 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

- 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
- 5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

A: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*(We are seated)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:*

Leader: God in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

*(We stand as we are able)*

**Peace** *(We share the blessing of Christ's peace. Some worshipers may prefer to maintain social distancing)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(We are seated)*



and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)**

Father in heaven, holy is Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth  
As it is in heaven.  
Our Father in heaven.

Give us each moment all that we need.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive the ones  
who have sinned against us.  
Our Father in heaven.

Lead us not into temptation.  
God deliver us from the enemy.  
Our Father in heaven.

Our Father in heaven.

Our Father have Your way on the earth,  
Your will be done.

Our Father have Your way on the earth,  
Your will be done.

Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever,  
and evermore.  
Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** *(We receive the sacrament either by intinction or using individual cup.)*

### **COMMUNION CANTICLE**

### **WE FALL DOWN**

We fall down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lam

### **TABLE BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Lord of life,

**in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

### **ALIVE**

*Verse 1:*

My heart of stone was dead to You  
Asleep within a world that scorned its maker  
Until You breathed into my soul  
And I woke up to You, my glorious Savior  
You became my all  
You became my all

*Refrain:*

Now I am alive, I am alive in You  
You are alive, you are alive in me  
You called my name  
And raised me from the dead  
Now I am alive, I am alive in You

*Verse 2:*

In You my life's completely new  
I'm blameless in Your eyes because of Calv'ry  
The Father welcomes me with joy  
Your Spirit makes me know Your great love for me  
Jesus You're my all  
Jesus You're my all *Refrain*

*Bridge:*

Bought with a price that cannot be measured  
Chosen before all time  
You are my joy, my prize and my treasure  
Jesus You are my life! *Refrain*

*Tag:*

I'm alive in You, Jesus  
You are alive, you are alive in me  
You called my name  
And raised me from the dead  
Now I am alive, I am alive in You

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**