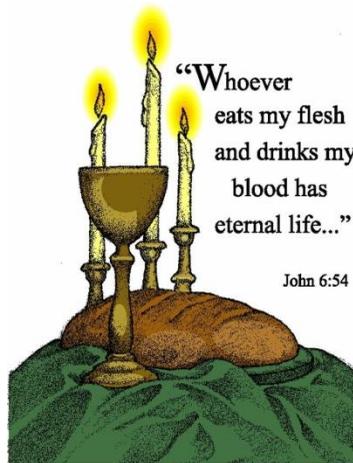


August 15, 2021

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)

**Ministry of the Word**



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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn #439 "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Text by John Keble and from Mitre Hymn Book

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| 1 | Blest are the pure in heart,<br>for they shall see our God;<br>the secret of the Lord is theirs,<br>their soul is Christ's abode. | 3 | still to the lowly soul<br>his presence doth impart,<br>and for a dwelling and a throne<br>chooseth the pure in heart. |
| 2 | The Lord, who left the heavens<br>our life and peace to bring,<br>to dwell in lowliness with us,<br>our pattern and our King,     | 4 | Lord, we thy presence seek;<br>may ours this blessing be:<br>give us a pure and lowly heart,<br>a temple fit for thee. |

#### Greeting and Collect for Purity

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

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, 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 the Father: 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***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Divine love, undaunted by death and fear, who went to the depths to bring back life: in the power of the cross shape a people for service, who break bread for a hungry world; through Jesus Christ. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

I Kings 2:10–12;3:3–14

*Reader* A reading from the First Book of Kings.

<sup>10</sup> Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup> The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup> So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

**Psalm 111**

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| <p>1 Hallelujah!<br/>I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,<br/>in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.</p> <p>2 Great are the deeds of the Lord!<br/>they are studied by all who delight in them.</p> <p>3 His work is full of majesty and splendour,<br/>and his righteousness endures for ever.</p> <p>4 He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;<br/>the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.</p> <p>5 He gives food to those who fear him;<br/>he is ever mindful of his covenant.</p> | <p>6 He has shown his people the power of this works,<br/>in giving them the lands of the nations.</p> <p>7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice,<br/>all his commandments are sure.</p> <p>8 They stand fast for ever and ever,<br/>because they are done in truth and equity.</p> <p>9 He sent redemption to his people;<br/>he commanded his covenant for ever;<br/>Holy and awesome is his name.</p> <p>10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;<br/>those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.</p> |
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**Generous and bountiful God, give us grace always to thank you and share your gifts with others, that the world may be filled with the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:15–20

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

<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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them, says the Lord.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

John 6:51–58

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

<sup>51</sup> [Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; 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 for ever.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

Solo: “Tell out my soul”

Text paraphrased by Timothy Dudley-Smith. Music by Walter Greatorex

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* **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.**

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For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* Hear our prayer.

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

### **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing Hymn #435 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

Text by Frances Ridley Havergal

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| 1 | Take my life, and let it be<br>consecrated, Lord, to thee;<br>take my moments and my days,<br>let them flow in ceaseless praise.    | 4 | Take my will, and make it thine;<br>it shall be no longer mine;<br>take my heart, it is thine own;<br>it shall be thy royal throne. |
| 2 | Take my hands, and let them move<br>at the impulse of thy love;<br>take my feet, and let them be<br>swift and purposeful for thee.  | 5 | Take my love: my Lord, I pour<br>at thy feet its treasure store;<br>take myself, and I will be<br>ever, only, all for thee.         |
| 3 | Take my lips, and let them be<br>filled with messages from thee;<br>take my intellect, and use<br>every power as thou shalt choose. |   |   |

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<b>We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .</b>
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Psalm 111	Psalm 84
Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69

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