

July 31, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hear

Someone in the crowd said to him [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." —Luke 12:13-21

Silence

Be still and be aware of God's Word to each of us...
"Elijah found that the Lord was not in the wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the...silence."
—1 Kings 19:11-13

Together We Pray

Eternal God, as people raised with Christ, teach us to seek the things that are above, where Christ abides in glory. Even as our true lives remain hidden in you with Christ, grant us a glimpse of our true selves, made pure and holy in your love. Renew your Spirit within us, and make us fit to bear the glory of your image. Amen.

Our Prayers of Thanksgiving...

Response: Lord, hear our praise!

Together We Pray

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, & the glory forever...

Scripture and Meditation

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God... ...Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

—Colossians 3:1-11

Silence

Together We Pray

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us. Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on. Renew us with your Spirit. Lord, free us, make us one! Amen.

Our prayers of Intercessions...

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy and Loving God, you show us the blessedness of seeking things that are of above, even as our hearts are too often captured by the shiny objects of this world that catch our eye and capture our attention. When we lose sight of the priorities you would have for us, heal our desire to get what we believe to be our share. Help us store up treasure in heaven rather than here on earth. Renew us in your abiding Holy Spirit this day, that our lives, hidden with Christ, may be revealed with Christ in glory. You feed us with the words of Holy Scripture and our hunger is satisfied. Christ quenches our thirst with living water. You nourish us by your Holy Spirit, and we are renewed. Compassionate, loving God, we give you thanks for making us one in Christ. We give you all the praise and glory for pouring out your good gifts on us and on all your created world. Help us with inspired and renewed faith to pray to you, in Jesus's name. Amen.

Communion With the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you. **Response:** And also with you.
We lift up our hearts. **Response:** We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: 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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Response: 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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

Response: Lord make us instruments of your peace, hearts of your compassion, hands of your mercy.

And so we gather at the table of Holy Communion this day, remembering the Gospel invitation from Christ: *"Take, eat;*

this is my body..." "...Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood..." In remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and grace in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Response: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice of the fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ, comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Sending Forth

Go forth as people who have been raised with Christ to newness of life; go as Christ's disciples. Go forth as people whose lives are hidden with Christ in the living God; go to bear the mystery of life with Christ. May today's worship prepare us for tomorrow's work. Our worship service is ended; our service to God begins anew. Let us go in peace to love and serve the world...

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We Offer: May Jesus' peace be with you.

We Respond: May Jesus' peace be with you also.

—Our Worship In The Morning—
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WITH CHRIST



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Our Mission is to live our experience of God's love in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...