## EASY PRINT – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – August 3, 2025

Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #354 – "COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious measure, sung by flaming tongues above; O the vast, the boundless treasure of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation: thus far by thy help I've come, and I hope, by thy compassion, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; take my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

# **▼** The Gathering of the Community

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Leader: And also with you.

Leader: Almighty God,

All: 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.

### The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Hosea 11.1-11

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

### Psalm #107.1-9,43

Please remain seated

The Psalm will be read responsively. The leader will read the first line of each stanza and the congregation will respond with the words in bold.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

All: Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

Leader: He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

Leader: They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

All: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

Leader: For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

All: Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. Please be seated

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 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!

Reader: The word of the Lord. Colossians 3.1-11
People: **Thanks be to God.** A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: (Tune #533) – "BIGGER BARNS" Please rise in body or spirit & sing

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

"Bigger barns are what I need!" So, a rich man said one day.

"From my worries I'll be free when my wealth is stored away."

"Fool!" God said, "Today you'll die! Will your wealth mean anything?

All life's blessings really lie in my life that wealth can't bring."

"Bigger barns are what we need for our wealth, possessions, more!" Lord, we're tempted to believe having wealth, we'll be secure! Somewhere others cry for food or to have a doctor's care. Can our bigger barns be good when poor neighbors know despair?

## The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All:

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to 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, 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."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 12.13-21

All:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

God of love, we long to know what will make us truly blest.

Jesus taught us long ago wealth won't give us peace or rest.

You are our security! Safe in you, we serve, O Lord.

May we find we're rich indeed when we're sharing with the poor.

**Sermon** Please be seated

#### The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

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: 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

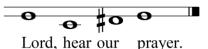
Please kneel or be seated

The leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Leader: Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, singing,

All:

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Leader: Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Let us pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Andrew and Kevin our bishops, ..., and for all other ministers: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. Let us pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives. Let us pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this city and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all. Let us pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence,... Let us pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those preparing for baptism, and for those recently baptised: that they may be strengthened in the faith. Let us pray.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone:... and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God,

All: you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: 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.

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

#### The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members. We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

We welcome back the children from Sunday school during the offertory hymn.

Offertory Hymn: (#533 AAH) – "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

All sing

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

### Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done; Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

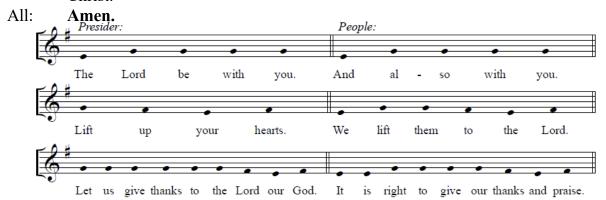
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,

And you will be singing as the days go by. *Refrain* 

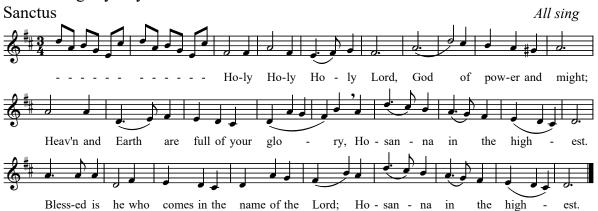
When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold. Count your many blessings, money cannot buy Your reward in heaven, nor your Lord on high. *Refrain* 

#### **▼** The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.



Priest: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Priest: You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. And that we, also, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus. 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

## All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

## All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

### All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Priest: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

#### All: Amen.



Priest: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Priest: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

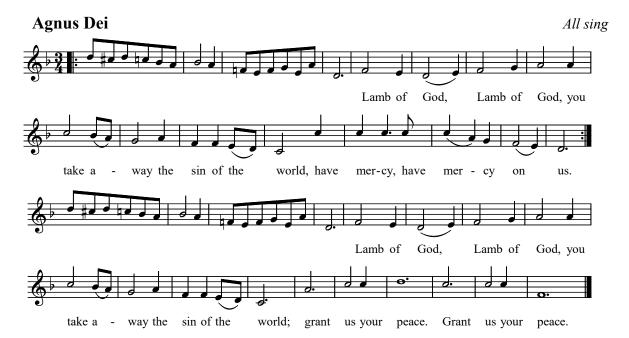
The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Lord Jesus, you are the Word that became flesh, to dwell among us, and you are the Bread of Life sent down from heaven; as I cannot now take the Bread, let your Word dwell in my heart, that you may abide in me and I in you.

All: Amen.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.



### The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: #615 – "JUST AS I AM"

All sing

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown has broken every barrier down – now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Communion Hymn: #647 – "Spirit of the Living God" (If NEEDED) All sing

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing – Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love! *(repeat)* 

## **Prayer after Communion**

Priest: God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and bloody of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God

All: 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.

## The Blessing

### **Announcements**

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: #565 – "GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

### **Dismissal**

Priest: Go in peace and store up for yourselves treasure in heaven.

People: Thanks be to God.

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