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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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*July 11, 2021*  
*Seventh Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*

# Gathering

## ✠INTRODUCTION

*When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

## ✠CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C **God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

## ✠GATHERING HYMN – Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (ELW #520)

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| 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word<br>we have come again to hear you;<br>let our thoughts and hearts be stirred<br>and in glowing faith be near you<br>as the promises here given<br>draw us wholly up to heaven. | 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight<br>lie in deepest darkness shrouded<br>till your Spirit breaks the night,<br>filling us with light unclouded.<br>All good thoughts and all good living<br>come but by your gracious giving. |
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- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.
- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

### ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## Word

### ✠ FIRST LESSON – Amos 7:7-15

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### ✠ **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

### ✠ **SECOND LESSON – Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according

to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### ✠ **GOSPEL – Mark 6:14-29**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and

for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## ✠SERMON

### ✠HYMN OF THE DAY – I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW #860)

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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## ✠PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** O God, bless the church throughout the world. Uphold bishops, pastors, deacons, chaplains, and leaders of monastic communities. Protect from danger and contagion everyone who attends church camps throughout the summer, and provide meaningful worship for the campers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**A** Bless the earth. Moderate the intense heat, give shade and breezes to all, and send necessary rain to nourish the crops. Preserve farm laborers as they work each day under the sun. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

A Bless the leaders of nations. Crush the might of tyrants. Train those in power to care for all the oppressed in their land. Lead wealthier countries to share the COVID vaccine with poorer nations. Protect whistle-blowers and journalists, and form us into persons without prejudice against others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Bless all who live without power or status. Free the poor, especially youths, from every form of enslavement. Grant security and self-determination to indigenous peoples around the globe. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Bless all who are sick or suffering. Comfort the survivors of disaster or gun violence. Protect us from the Delta variant of the coronavirus. Visit all who are imprisoned, and accompany all persons who are facing capital punishment. Receive our prayers especially for those we name before you now, silently or aloud. . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Bless each of us, that throughout this week we may pray and work in your name. Receive now our silent prayers. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We bless you for all who have died in the faith, especially for Benedict of Nursia, and for those we remember before you here. . . . At the end, fulfill your promise to us of life together in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Receive these prayers, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**✠PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

# Meal

## ✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

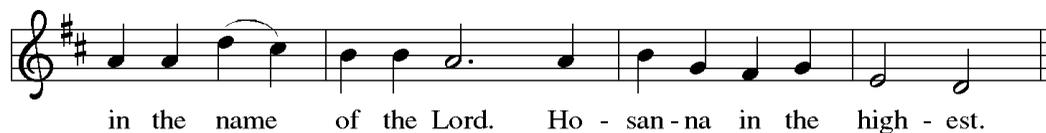
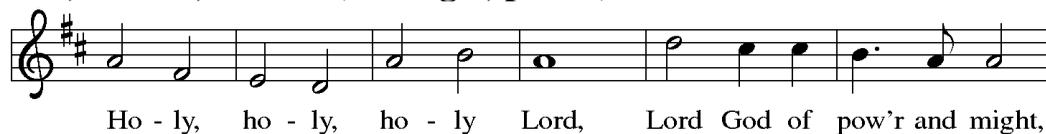
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, p. 153)



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## ✠ Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

## ✠ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### ✠ COMMUNION HYMN – Come, Let Us Eat (ELW #491)

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together,  
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,  
 in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
 In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
 in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,  
 rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,  
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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## ✠ BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
 † be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ SENDING HYMN – Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (ELW #445)

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.  
 Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
 Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.  
 Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.  
 Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,  
 one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
 To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!  
 We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.  
 By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

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**✠DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠SERVING TODAY

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