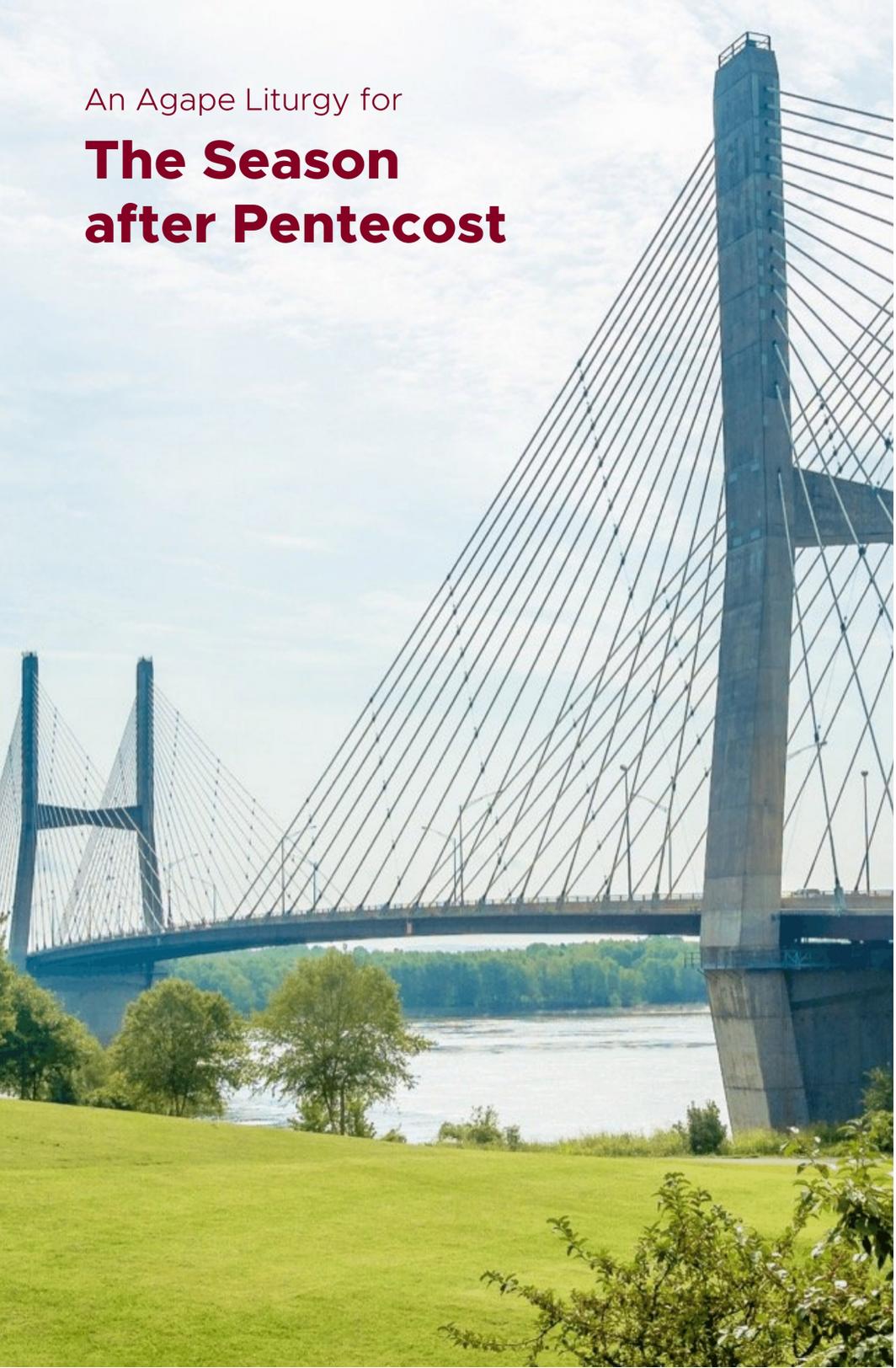


An Agape Liturgy for

The Season after Pentecost





*We are a community forgiven and loved by God,
joyfully called to the work of reconciliation.*

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Welcome to Christ Church!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. As we continue to recover from the recent COVID-19 pandemic, here are a few important guidelines for in-person services:

- Masks continue to be required for all indoor gatherings at this time.
- Social distancing is recommended between cohorts. Cohorts are family members and/or friends who agree to share close proximity.
- No one should sit directly behind anyone else unless they are part of a cohort.
- Distance between cohorts should be maintained.
- It is each parishioner's responsibility to follow social distancing guidelines, taking into consideration other parishioners' safety and level of comfort.

Gathering

Prelude

Mary Miller, Organist

"Praise to the Lord"

David Cherwein

Processional Hymn

#390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(See bulletin p.14)

Opening Rite: Liturgy of Light

All standing, the Officiant greets the people with these words:

Officiant: Dear friends in the risen Christ, we gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day, and for a time to be united in prayer and praise with each other and those who have gone before us. Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. As we gather in person and online, let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Silence may be kept for a time.

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

(Acts 1:8)

Prayer for Christ's Light

Candles may now be lit during the following prayer:

Officiant: O God, we give thanks for the gift of your light – shining on the first day of creation, guiding us through the wilderness, leading us to the land of promise.

People: You sent Jesus, Light of the world, to be our way of truth and life. Help us to follow him each day

and rest in him each night until at last we come to live with you in endless light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and with the Holy Spirit we give you honor and glory, now and always. Amen.

The Confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is kept for a time.

All: Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us +, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Officiant: + Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People: Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Collect

BCP, p.355

Officiant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Hymn of Praise

#594 God of Grace and God of Glory

(See bulletin p.15)

Collect of the Day

BCP, p.232

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

The First Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

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

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 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. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 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 toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 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. 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. 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?"

It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. 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, 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. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 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.

The Psalm of Response

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 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.**

The People remain seated for the Hymn and Gospel reading.

Gospel Hymn

#488 Be Thou My Vision

(See bulletin p.16)

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "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."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 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. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father

sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Joshua Smith

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant: Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

***People:* We believe in God the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Officiant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***People:* We believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of God.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

Officiant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***People:* We 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.**

The Prayers of the People

You have been told what is good and what the Lord requires of you. Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Officiant: Let us offer our prayers and petitions to Almighty God.

Reader: Engage us O God in the renewal of this Diocese towards your Christ-centered vision. Help us to realize that we are bound one to another in our common life and ministry. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Empower us, O God, to energize the ministry of all the baptized, making our communities of faith healthy and holy places of your presence that reach out in compassion and hope in Christ's name. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Unite us, O God, to be compassionate and not competitive, to be consoling and not controlling, to be faithful and not fearful as we continue to build relationships in communities centered on the vision of your reign. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Guide us, O God, to be responsible stewards here on earth, to prophetically witness to your reign. We pray especially for members of the United Nations, for Joseph, our President, for Michael, our Governor, Robert, our Mayor, and other civic leaders, that they may do justice and love mercy. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Deliver us, O God, from mistrust of one another and the misuse of our gifts. Help us to see in our worshiping communities, large and small, growing and struggling your grace and promise. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Heal us, O God, in our communities, our families, and in the hidden places in our hearts. We pray for those in this community who are ill or in any kind of need,

especially _____. Give us the courage and the grace to be your presence among them. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Comfort us, O God, as we remember all those saints who have gone before us in light and have finished their course in faith. Give to the departed the comfort of your promise and presence, especially _____. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Support us, O God, as we support each other, particularly in Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Annette, our priest; and all who minister in witness in your Church. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Reader: Teach us, O God, as we journey through the Christian life to continually engage each other, young and old, in the spiritual formation, discernment, discipleship and stewardship. Spirit of God;

People: **We are listening.**

Officiant: O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: You have journeyed with your people Israel and we pray you, journey with us now, in this time of dreaming, daring and doing. Walk beside us on the road that is ahead, calm our fears, awaken our hope, and open our hearts, as together we seek your guidance. Inspire us to discern your will for the Diocese of Missouri. May we put our whole trust in you as we look to Christ, the great shepherd of our souls; who together with the Holy Spirit is alive and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

Agape Hymn

WLP #812 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

(See bulletin p.17)

The Agape Blessing

The Officiant and the People give thanks for the gift of wine.

Officiant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: **You create the fruit of the vine; we long for the day when you will once again refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant and the People give thanks for the gift of our daily bread.

Officiant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

People: **You bring forth bread from the earth; we long for the day when we may once again partake of the bread of life the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

The Officiant and the People give thanks for the gift of food.

Officiant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe.

***People:* You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the Eucharistic fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The wine, bread and food may be consumed after the liturgy.

The Conclusion

Officiant: God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son. In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.

***People:* You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone. Strengthen our community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world.**

Officiant: Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.

***People:* Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel and give us the grace to see the face of Christ in the people with whom we live. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God; that we who have celebrated Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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

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

We greet each other in the name of the risen Christ.

Here at Christ Church, we consider gratitude and generosity to be spiritual disciplines. While some of us still can't be together to pass the collection plate to one another in person, we encourage you to offer your gifts and service in any way that makes the most sense to you.

If you are worshipping with us online, [click here](#) to contribute to our ongoing ministry.

The plate offering for the first Sunday of each month is dedicated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Recessional Hymn

#420 When In Our Music God Is Glorified

(See bulletin p.19)

Announcements

For more information about upcoming events at Christ Church and in the broader Cape Girardeau community, sign up for our weekly email newsletter by visiting us online at christchurchcape.org.

The Sending

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

Dear siblings in Christ, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Mary Miller, Organist

"Praise to the Lord"

Paul Manz

A simple meal may now be shared.

Servers

Priest-in-Charge

Rev. Annette Joseph

Officiant

Chris Masters

Preacher

Joshua Smith

Reader

Matthew Heisserer-Miller

Host

Doc & Karen Cain

Altar Guild

Barbara Giddens

Organist

Mary Miller

St. Isidore's Guild

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Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuereten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
 Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
 tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.
 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

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Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand features a bass line of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2.

Unison

Unison vocal line in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

- 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
- 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

Piano accompaniment for the first three verses, in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand has a bass line of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2.

Vocal line for the fourth verse in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

Piano accompaniment for the fourth verse, in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand has a bass line of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2.

Vocal line for the fifth verse in G major, 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

Piano accompaniment for the fifth verse, in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The left hand has a bass line of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2.

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

if you lead me, I will hold your people in my

heart. heart.

Words: Daniel L. Schutte

Music: Daniel L. Schutte

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When In Our Music God Is Glorified

1 When in our music God is glorified, _____
 2 How often, making music, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song, _____
 4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise! _____

1 and adoration leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new dimension in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, _____
 4 when utmost evil strove against the Light? _____
 5 Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903)

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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Notes on the Service

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kg. 2:10-12, 3:3-14 • Ps. 111 • Eph. 5:15-20 • John 6:51-58

Today's collect, written for the 1549 Prayer Book, describes Christ's work to reconcile God and humanity as being both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living, based on two doctrines of the atonement, a sacrificial doctrine and an exemplarist doctrine. It then asks that we may receive that benefit thankfully, and may live in accord with that example.

She through whom God gave his Son to be a sacrifice and an example was St Mary, who hosted the Lord of Hosts and fed the Bread of Life. Her feast is August 15, transferred except in churches named for her.

The biography of David paused last Sunday with the death of Absalom. Today's reading starts with a formula in the style of Deuteronomy about David's death and Solomon's succession. Omitted are accounts of David's decline and of the lethal struggle between court factions supporting Solomon and another of David's sons, Adonijah, for the throne. Gibeon was an Amorite town to which David had turned over seven descendants of Saul to execute in retaliation for an atrocity committed by Saul. Apparently Solomon goes there to signal he will continue his father's favor to Gibeon. In a dream, the Lord praises Solomon's wisdom and promises lavish blessings.

Psalm 111 is a song of praise which is in the form of a short acrostic, i.e., each half-verse about God's attributes begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Its last verse, a Jewish adage about the beginning of wisdom, might apply to Solomon who was renowned for his wisdom.

Ephesians exhorts readers to be wise. This is the end of the section which we read last Sunday, urging the converts of Ephesus to put away their pagan habits. Thus, Ephesians contrasts former drunkenness from physical wine with new inebriation from the Spirit.

Last Sunday's Gospel ended, "the bread which I shall give... is my flesh." Perhaps because that sounded like cannibalism, the Judeans who were disputing with Jesus said, "how can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Next Sunday Jesus will explain to his disciples, "it is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Today to his opponents, however, Jesus will not retract his literalistic terms. The church for whom John's Gospel was written would have understood, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him" to refer to the Christian Eucharist, Wisdom's best banquet. Likewise, our Rite One Eucharist paraphrases that sentence in its Prayers of Consecration and of Humble Access, praying that "we may dwell in him, and he in us."

Rev. Stephen Weissman
Saint Louis, Missouri