



August 15, 2021: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson

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."

Psalm 111

Psalter for the Christian People, p. 154

Hallelujah!

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

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

Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the LORD, *
whose righteousness endures for ever.

Gracious and full of compassion is the LORD, *
whose marvelous works are to be remembered;

The LORD gives food to the God-fearing, *
ever mindful of the covenant.

The LORD has shown the chosen people works of power *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The hands of the LORD work faithfulness and justice; *
all the commandments of the LORD are sure.

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

The LORD sent redemption to the chosen people; commanding the covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is the name of the LORD.

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

The Second Lesson

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.

Hymn

We gather here, O God

Tune: *Diademata*

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."

Hymn 420

When in our music God is glorified

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Neponset River Deanery: Christ Church, Hyde Park (Boston); Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston); Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan (Boston); Church of the Advent, Medfield; and Congregations: Sextons and Custodians.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church and First Church of Christ Scientist.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: Joy and Charles Reed from their family and Nina Alexa Pansuk, Walter & Alexandra Gorelchenka, and Mary, Daniel, and Elizabeth Pansuk from Sonia and Walter Pansuk.

Your prayers are requested for Anita, Billy C., Maureen D., Martin W., Harry and Jeanette, Andy M., Alex, Penny, Maya, Ed B., Glenn, Madison, Anita, Kate, Jim and Debbie, Lois C., Sarah, Gail, Thomas, Maureen, and Linda F. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim, and Andrew (as of publishing on August 12, 2021).

This week's music is gifted by William and Sonia Pansuk in memory of their daughter, Nin

Those Who Serve

We have opportunities for lay assistants to serve during worship throughout the year. If you haven't been involved before, now is a great time to try it out! [Sign up online](#).

Serving today:

Tim Lysaght, Tech Verger • Phil Bergen, Lector
Jeremy Bruns, Organist

FELLOWSHIP HOUR THANKS

We thank **Elaine Sweet** for organizing lemonade time for us today. Join our hybrid coffee hour on [Zoom](#). If you are interested in hosting this summer, please get in touch with [Debby](#). And thanks everyone, for wearing nametags.

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