

# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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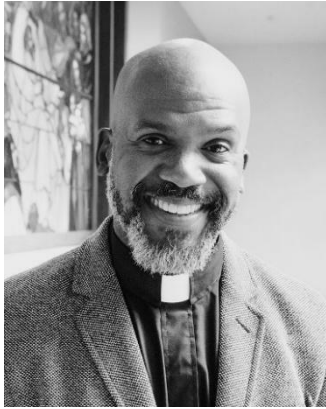
The Holy Eucharist: Rite I



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, CINCINNATI, OH

*Empowering people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world.*

## A Welcome from the Dean



Grace and peace be with you! On behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral family, I want to welcome you this morning into the warm embrace of this beloved community. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time in worship and fellowship with us today. Jesus said, “when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.” Indeed, it is my hope that through our prayers, music, preaching, and fellowship at God’s table, you will feel the presence of Christ’s love incarnate in this place.

Our vision is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of Christ’s love. In covenant with God and each other, we share a mission to be Christ’s loving, healing, liberating, and reconciling presence in our city and in our diocese. It is the custom of the Cathedral that during the Holy Eucharist, *all* are welcome at God’s table to receive the bread and wine, or, if you prefer, a blessing. You are also free to stay seated in quiet contemplation. Just know that no matter who you are or where you’re from, you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral and ways to connect and get involved, please fill out one of our visitor cards (or use the QR code) in the pews; one of our ushers will be happy to receive it and one of our clergy members will reach out in the coming week. And if you are able, please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Swan Area (just outside of the library). If you are joining us on the third Sunday of the month, please join us for a tasty brunch in the Undercroft! Again, I welcome you and give God thanks for your presence with us today!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Dean Owen Thompson+

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The People stand.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**G**LORY be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

**T**HUS says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.  
Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

*Read responsively.*

**M**AY God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
**show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*

**your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

**for you judge the peoples with equity**

**and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*

**let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
**may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**  
May God give us his blessing, \*  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him**

*Psalm 67*

## THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

**I** ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Matthew 15:10-28 (NRSV)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The People stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**W**E 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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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

*A Deacon bids the prayers, saying*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The intercessor continues*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

**F**OR the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the President and members of the Cabinet; for the Governors of States, and the Mayors of Cities; for federal and state Senators and Representatives; and for Judges and officers of our Courts, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those who have asked for prayers, \_\_\_\_\_let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially \_\_\_\_\_. And on the anniversary of death we remember \_\_\_\_\_. For all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and  
one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The People respond Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*A Deacon bids the Confession, saying*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**M**OST merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of  
sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon  
you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.*

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

**Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt**

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

*At the presentation of the offering the Celebrant may say*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

**And of thine own have we given thee.**

*The People stand.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**T**HE LORD be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**H**OLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**O** LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

**W**E DO NOT presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion. (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

*Following Communion, the People stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

**T**HE PEACE of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond:*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

**Canzon quarti toni dopo il post Comune**  
***from Missa degli Apostoli***

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)



## MINISTERS

The Very Reverend Owen Thompson, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Canon Brian Blayer, *Preacher*

John Moreland, *Lay Minister*

John Depinet, *Organist*

Beth Boatright & Michael Rouse, *Altar Guild*

Patti Radenheimer, Susan Anuforo, Quincy Collins, Denise Johnson, &

Jane Harbour, *Flower Guild*



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*Influenced by Buddhist figure prints, Japanese printmaker Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996) portrayed biblical subjects in a Japanese context using the mingei (folk art) tradition. Though his works have been displayed everywhere from the Vatican Museum to MOMA, Watanabe preferred that his prints hang in the ordinary places of life, saying: "I would most like to see them hanging where people ordinarily gather, because Jesus brought the gospel for the people."*