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∞ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 • 9:00 AM

✙ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

### ✙ OPENING HYMN

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

LBW #554, STANZAS 1 & 2

*The congregation echoes each phrase the cantor sings:*

This is my Father's world . . . **(the assembly echoes)**

and to my list'ning ears . . . **(the assembly echoes)**

all nature sings . . . and round me rings . . .

the music of the spheres . . .

This is my Father's world . . .

This is my Father's world . . .

**This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.**

This is my Father's world . . . **(the assembly echoes)**

The birds their carols raise . . . **(the assembly echoes)**

The morning light . . . The lily white . . .

declare their maker's praise . . .

This is my Father's world . . .

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**This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

## ✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and confession*

WL: Creating God,

All: **You are holy.**

**The earth is your footstool and we are your creatures,  
formed in your image.**

**From you comes all that we are and all that we have.**

**All of creation is sacred and proclaims your glory.**

**You abide in every creature and every place.**

**We have not always treated your creation as holy.**

**We have not always honored you.**

**We have used the earth carelessly and failed to see  
your image in our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, God.**

**Renew our hearts to love you, to honor you, and to care  
for every creature and person that you made and love.**

**Guide us to act with wisdom and compassion,  
following Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

WL: Beloved children of God:

Our creator, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. For his sake God forgives us all our sins. By grace we have been saved. The God who created the heavens and the earth has called us by name and made us anew. Secure in the all-encompassing love of God, we have been set free to love with wild abandon, to serve with joy, and to live as a neighbor to all who are in need.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. Holy God, you know our frailties and failings. Guide us in the way of wisdom and peace, to care for your world and for each other as your sacred creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-6

R: Our first lesson on this Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the third chapter of Exodus.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

R: The second lesson is from the first chapter of Colossians.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

## ✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 5:1-20

**R:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord!**

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### ✠ MESSAGE HYMN

### AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

### STANZAS 1 & 2

As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

## GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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## ✠ OFFERING HYMN

FROM YOU ALONE  
STANZA 2

*All stand to sing:*

From you we learn the way of love,  
To bear the fruit that's ours for bearing.  
From you we know life follows death  
We're stewards all, we're made for caring.  
For you we go to bear the cross  
For that's the way that brings new life:  
The way of death,  
The way of birth,  
The living Way of Christ.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

**All: 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.**

### ✠ PAX DOMINI

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

**All: Amen.**

# DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Parish Choir and Congregation*

COME TO THE WATER

BY JOHN FOLEY, SJ

**O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price. Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?**

**And let all who seek, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?**

**And let all who toil, let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:  
all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest,  
except for the Lord?**

**And let all the poor, let them come to the water,  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:  
bring the children without might. Easy the load and light:  
come to the Lord.**

## ✠ THE DISMISSAL

**WL:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**All:** **Amen.**

## ✠ CLOSING PRAYER

**WL:** Let us pray. Loving Lord, in this meal you have shared with us your real and sacred presence. Grant that we may go forth from this place to share that same presence, serving you and our neighbors. In your holy name we pray.

**All:** **Amen.**

## ✠ BLESSING

**WL:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**All:** **Amen.**

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy

## ✠ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

# SOLI DEO GLORIA

## TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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