



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
August 16, 2026 10am

**As you enter the sanctuary, please use these moments for quiet prayer
and preparation as we gather in the presence of the Lord
to receive His gifts.**



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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – Celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We believe that Christ's true body and blood are received in the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because Scripture also warns against receiving the Sacrament in an unworthy manner, communicants should repent of their sins, trust Christ's words and promises, and desire to forgive and live in Christian love toward others. Baptized Christians who share this confession and have examined themselves are welcome to commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Rennie if you have questions. The bread is distributed before the individual and common cups of wine. White nonalcoholic wine is located in the center of the tray.

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome! We are grateful that you are worshiping with us. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Indicate on the card whether you would appreciate a call or other contact from Pastor Rennie.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – In today's Gospel, a Canaanite woman comes to Jesus crying, "Lord, help me." Though she comes as an outsider, she trusts that mercy is found in Him. Through Isaiah, the Lord had promised to gather the nations into His "house of prayer for all peoples," and in Romans Paul reminds us that Jews and Gentiles alike stand in need of God's mercy. God's saving promise comes through Israel, is fulfilled in Israel's Messiah, Jesus Christ, and now goes forth to all nations. As we gather today, we come with the same need: not trusting in our worthiness, but in the steadfast mercy of God in Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

***(CHORUS): Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days***

(BRIDGE) Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days ***(CHORUS)***

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Confession and Absolution

- P** Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David." Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.
- C** **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is rich in mercy. For the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, He forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶"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, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these 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."

⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

²**that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.
³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Psalms 147:2–3

P Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Sermon – “Yes, Lord... Yet” *based on Matthew 15:21–28*

1. **“Have mercy on me.”** Faith comes to Jesus with no claim of merit, only need.
2. **“Lord, help me.”** Even when God seems silent, faith continues to cry out and cling to Him.
3. **“Yes, Lord... yet.”** Faith receives God’s Word as true and still refuses to let go of His mercy.
4. **“Great is your faith!”** Great faith is not great because of its strength, but because of the great Savior to whom it clings.
5. **Mercy for sinners.** Christ came to conquer sin, death, and the devil and to bring God’s mercy to Jews and Gentiles, to every nation... and to you.

Apostles’ Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

**He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering – ONLINE GIVING is available at **www.RisenChrist.info** – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, according to their needs.
- Almighty and everlasting God, all that we are and all that we have come from Your gracious hand. Receive our tithes and offerings as acts of thanksgiving and faith, and use them for the work of Your Church, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the care of our neighbors. You have established Your Church as a house of prayer for all peoples. We thank You for Your mercy in calling us into the family of those who trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that people of every nation and background may be drawn by Your Spirit through Your Word to the salvation accomplished by Christ for the sins of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Give strength and confidence to pastors and all Your people to confess Christ faithfully. Open our eyes to those around us whom we might overlook or consider unlikely to hear, and use Your Word through us to call sinners from every people and background into the fellowship of Christ.
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless all those gathered here in Your presence with an increase of faith and steadfastness in Your Word, that they may continually look to You for the salvation of their souls and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Father, sustain all who cry to You and yet must wait for Your answer. When Your ways are hidden from us and Your help seems delayed, preserve us from despair and keep us steadfast in Your promises. Give us confidence to call upon You in every trouble, trusting Your fatherly goodness and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear our prayer especially for all who are in any need, those who are sick or hospitalized, those who are in trouble or suffer any need, those who are considered outcasts of society, and all who we name in our hearts before You. Grant to them healing, help, and deliverance from their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Remembering the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and are with You, mercifully admit us into the fellowship of all Your saints, not counting our merits but on account of Your own mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

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