

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity p. 323

Almighty 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*.

Kyrie eleison p. 324

The Collect of the Day p. 181

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The Holy Bible NRSV, p. 1100

Commentary: In Hebrews 11, the writer presented examples of faith, in Hebrews 12 he gave encouragement to faith and now, at the end of the letter, he highlights evidence of faith in the lives of believers. The author reminded readers of what they already knew, of what they should be doing and what they needed to avoid. Hospitality, which literally means 'love to strangers', is a concrete example of Christian love. Remembering prisoners involves praying for them and assisting them in any way possible. Readers were urged to avoid sexual sin and greed. They were to respect their Christian leaders and most of all, look to Jesus, the object and supreme model of faith. Our pleasing sacrifices to God include praise, good works and sharing what we have with others. In every age, love for God is demonstrated by caring for God's people.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(continued overleaf)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Alan Howard Bede.

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