

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed. GATHERING

The Holy **WELCOME** Spirit calls PRAYER us together as the people PRELUDE of God. "Built on a Rock" (v. 1) VU 652 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Meranda Phannenhour - The Bible Bunch WORD God speaks **GOSPEL** to us in Matthew 16 : 13 - 20 scripture reading, At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the preaching, Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades. and song ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed



this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" VU 587 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea: There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a 2 prom-ised grace made good; broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind; For the love of God is 3 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all: there's a kind-ness God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty. in there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood. and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind. great - er good be cause of e - vil, larg - er mer-cy through the fall. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; There is grace e - nough for But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word, There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n. fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of there is room for bliss. we mag-ni - fy zeal God will not and its strict-ness with a own. our lives will thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the and be Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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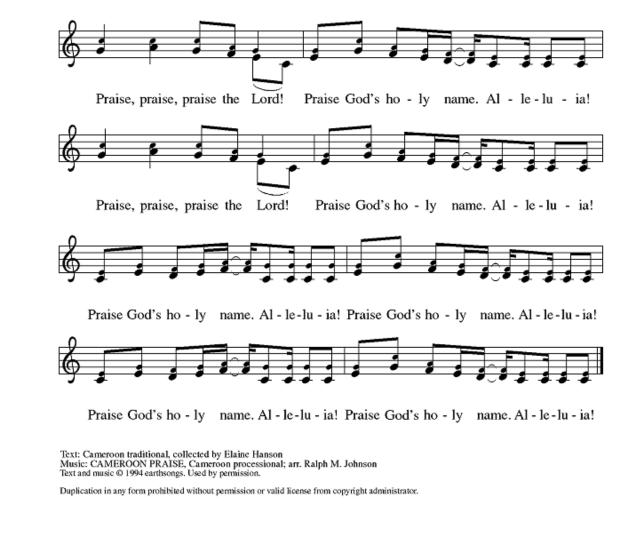
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Give

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

ELW 875





LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Where He Leads Me

Arr. by Cindy Berry



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Rev. Jason Zinko

- Chris Ritcey-Conrad Dave Pascoe Sarah Pascoe Lauren Voorpostel Sarah McCutcheon Sarah Pascoe Andrew and Perry Taylor Selby children Meranda Phannenhour
- Pastor Preacher: Bishop, Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod Music Director Videographer Reader Hymn of the Day Prayers of the People Offertory The Lord's Prayer Sending Children's Message

In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- The Good Food Market is Thursday from 4 7 pm this is the last one for 2020!

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

Virtual Worship

Welcome to our virtual congregation! We welcome all to worship with us wherever you are. The church is always open! This service is available all week. Previous worship services are also available.