



Sunday, June 9, 2024
3rd Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING

Introduction

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn *(purple)* #123 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Prayer of the Day

P All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *(purple)* #124 Shout To The Lord (x2)

(please be seated)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Psalm: Psalm 130

Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch ¹ over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

R The Word of God. word of life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

R The Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation *(purple)#7 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

(Please be seated)

Children's message

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response (*cranberry* #178 **Hear Our Prayer**

Sharing The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share Christ's peace with each other

(please be seated)

THANKSGIVING

Offering invitation (*Offering may be placed in offering plates near exits*)

Offertory Hymn: (*purple*) #13 **Awesome God (x2)**

Offering Prayer

P Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary ...

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy, tender, gentle God Heaven and earth are full of you.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest and in the low ones. Blessed is the one who comes in your name*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (*On Screen*) **pg. 112** (*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be you name,*)

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to come to the Lord's Table. Children who haven't had instruction are invited to come for a blessing. They're asked to fold their hands. Children who are receiving communion please extend your hands. Grape juice is available -- please say "Grape juice" to the server.) *Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.*

Invitation to Communion

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Hymns During Communion

(*purple*) #139 **The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing**

Dismissal of Homebound Communion

P Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Blessing

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. C Amen.
(Please stand)

SENDING

Sending Hymn *(on the screen)* **Blessed Be Your Name**

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Leaders in the Service

Pastor: Kristen Venne

Organist: Jan Macklay

Acolyte: Lily Peterson

Guitarist: NA

Reader: David Oraskovich

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Comm. Prep: Jeff & Ann Ruedy

Council Person: Rhonda Behsmann

Video:

**Thank you to all these members of St. John for
offering their time and talents.**