



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

September 11, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Fourteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

All Creatures of our God and King

arr J. Wright

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#11 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ST. THOMAS

(N.C.) $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C F $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F Gm F C

1 Stand up and bless the Lord, you peo - ple of his choice;
 2 O for the liv - ing flame, from God's own al - tar brought,
 3 God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;
 4 Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God a - dore;

$\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{F}{A}$ C $\frac{C}{E}$ F Dm C $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
 to touch our lips, our minds in - spire, and wing to heaven our thought.
 then be his love in Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed powers.
 stand up and bless his glo - rious name, both now and ev - er - more.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
 MUSIC: Aaron Williams' *New Universal Psalmodist*, 1770

ST. THOMAS
 S.M.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and grace.
You have all the facts in front of you.
We have lost sight of your gospel.
We have been called to seek peace and wellness,
to work for unity and reconciliation,
but the changes that we desire are selfish intentions.
We want to see a change in the other
and none in ourselves.
Forgive us when we seek to affirm our own agendas.
Forgive us when we manipulate, maneuver
and engineer others for a favourable outcome
for ourselves.
God, in your mercy, grant us a fresh start.
Create in us a pure heart and a renewed spirit.
Breathe new life into our spirit and revitalize us again.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

R. Goodson

FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Pages 644-645, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY

One: In this world that would deny you, Lord,

Many: Renew in us a spirit of grace.

One: When human wisdom is more important than Your wisdom,

Many: Renew in us a spirit of truth.

One: When idols emerge in all forms from our digital devices,

Many: Renew in us a spirit of discernment.

One: In muddy places when the easy way is not the right way,

Many: Create in us a spirit of healing.

ALL: Lord, create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#64 O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Unison B \flat E \flat F7/C B \flat /D B \flat mai7/D E \flat F Gm

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

Dm/F E \flat F7/C B \flat /D B \flat E \flat Cm/E \flat B \flat

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

$\frac{Bb}{D}$ F Gm $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ F Bb Eb
 for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

Cm Bb $\frac{Bbmaj7}{F}$ Eb $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Cm7, Bb $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$ Cm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7
 at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end;
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

$\frac{Dm}{F}$ Eb $\frac{F7}{C}$ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ $\frac{Bbmaj7}{D}$ Eb F Gm
 we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

$\frac{Dm}{F}$ Eb $\frac{F7}{C}$ $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Bb Eb $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$ Bb
 we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

WORDS: Michael Perry (1942-1996)
 MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst (1874-1934)
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THAXTED
 13.13.13.13.13.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#132 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

B \flat F 7 /A B \flat E \flat B \flat /D Cm 7 F 7 B \flat

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart,
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

Gm A A 7 /C \sharp Dm G 7 /D F/C Gm/C C 7 F

free it from sin, through all its puls - es move.
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

F F 7 E \flat /F F 7 E \flat /F F 7 E \flat /F F 7

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies,
I see your cross— there teach my heart to cling.
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

B \flat F7 B \flat E \flat (# $\frac{4}{2}$) E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat F7 B \flat

C D F G F

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you and O let me find!
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

WORDS: George Croly (1780-1860), alt.
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson (1841-1897)

MORECAMBE
 10.10.10.10.

SECOND READING

Acts 14:8-20

Page 139, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lamb of God

T. Paris/arr B. Wolaver

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#23 All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

D

Bm Em/ Asus A

F# G

F# E

D

Bm Em/

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 O rush-ing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3 O flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 All you who are of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

Asus A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D E A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D Bm7 $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en
 long, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn in praise re -
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

Asus A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{Dmaj7}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G6 $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$

beam, and sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise him, O
 joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
 Son, and praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise him, O

G6 A7 Bm $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D6 E A Bm7 $\frac{F\#m}{C\#}$ D Em $\frac{A}{C\#}$ $\frac{B7}{D\#}$ Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A A7 D

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

arr M. Hayes

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Colin Ward;

Prayers of the People - Sue Hunter;

Guest Pianist - Jane Fagnan;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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