

The Fifteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Healing Service



September 13, 2020  
10:30 AM

## We Gather

*Instructions for standing, sitting, and kneeling are rubrics from the Book of Common Prayer. Any person who is unable to stand or kneel is welcome to sit for any part of the service regardless of the printed instruction. Please feel comfortable using any posture you wish.*

### Processional Hymn:

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**  
Words/Music: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

*Nancy & Lance Scott, Ken Yadon*

#### **Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

#### **Verse 1**

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes

#### **Verse 2**

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find

#### **Verse 3**

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore

### **Introduction:**

*Celebrant:* Today is a healing service in the midst of difficult and troubling times. I cannot begin to tell you the sadness, the despair, the personal family traumas of disease, death, addiction and mental illness all around us. And at the same time, we are confronted with global challenges that threaten the existence of humans on the planet and the planet itself. Many people are overwhelmed not just by the virus, but by that and everything else.

Today, we join with our sisters and brothers throughout Christendom and with all other faiths around the world. We join with Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Bahá'í and the faith of indigenous peoples. Thank you for joining us as we pray for the healing of the world.

### **Opening Acclamation / Call to Worship**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People:* **And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

### **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Song of Praise:

Gloria

By Matt Maher & Tam Le

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 -est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. 1. We  
 praise You, we — bless you, we a - dore You, we glo - ri - fy You, we  
 give You thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly  
 King, O — God, al - might - y Fa - ther. 2. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Be - got - ton Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
 Fa - ther. You take a - way the sins of the world, have —  
 mer - cy on us; You take a - way the sins of the world, re -  
 -ceive our prayer; You are seat - ed — at the right hand — of the  
 Fa - ther, — have mer - cy on — us. 3. For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most — High,  
 Je - sus Christ, — with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, — a - men, a -  
 -men, — a - men, a - men, — a -  
 -men, a - men.

## Collect of the day

*Celebrant:* O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:**

**Take my life**

*Nancy & Lance Scott, Ken Yadon*

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Music: Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio and Henri Abraham Cesar Malan

**Verse 1**

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

**Verse 2**

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee

**Verse 3**

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart, it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Here am I, all of me  
Take my life, it's all for Thee

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

*Please stand.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Reader:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Bob Wickizer*

*Me versus Us*

I would like to start today with a Jewish concept that arose in the second century after Jesus, so it is not part of Christian faith, but it is important to modern-day Jewish practice. This is the idea of "*tikkun olam*" or the healing of the world. The concept is described by some as the "aspiration to behave and act constructively and beneficially." Accordingly, I have titled this sermon, "Me versus Us."

Two broad themes have emerged in my thinking about the challenges we face. One you have heard a lot from me over the years about the personal versus the corporate, about "my rights versus our rights" and about individual salvation versus corporate salvation. The personalization

of the Christian faith by evangelicals in the 19<sup>th</sup> century has produced a bizarre fusion of cherry-picked Christian doctrine with political ideology that focuses exclusively on personal salvation over and above all other teachings of Jesus and basic morality.

This package of exclusively personal religion is spread and multiplied by making people afraid. Some churches preach that true believers should welcome political unrest, wars and climate change because then, their saved believers will see Jesus even sooner. Nothing else matters for the members of the personal Jesus club. The world can go to hell. All that matters is their personal salvation.

It is hard to determine which came first, personalized, fear-based religion or personalized, fear-based politics. In the political arena we make people afraid of each other. We make the idea of “my individual rights” supreme over the rights of the group. For example, my right to own riverside property and pollute the river is more important than your right for safe, clean water downstream. At this point, I must remind you that Jesus tells us more than forty times in the bible, “Do not fear.” It would seem then, that making people afraid in politics or religion does not abide by the teachings of Jesus.

In addition, the last six words of the pledge of allegiance are “With liberty and justice for all.” Not liberty and justice for me. Not liberty and justice for you. But liberty and justice for everyone. Fear-based personalization in religion and politics is neither helpful nor Christian.

So where does that leave us regarding healing of the world? This second part is new to me. What I am going to share with you represents a change of my thinking. This has been working on me since I was 23, and I tossed my unfinished Ph.D. dissertation in the trash telling my thesis advisor that “getting a Ph.D. in physics wasn’t my calling.” After forty-five years, you can call me a slow learner, but here it is.

The scientific method is taught to junior high students. Observe the world. Create your hypothesis. Design the experiment. Build a mathematical model. Get the data. See how the data fits your hypothesis. Spin. Repeat. But underlying this whole enterprise is a methodological assumption. Philosophers call it “reductionism,” that is, you can take a complex system, tear it apart into pieces. Describe the pieces and you understand the whole.

We have allowed this reductionist thinking to creep into our political, social, and religious systems in a way that we don’t even question the underlying problem. As a result, we have one group working on climate change, another on racism, another on income inequality, another on energy, another on healthcare, another on education, another on immigration, another on religion that never gets political, another on politics that uses religion like a puppet, another on international relations, and another on the military. Each group takes its own problem domain, tears it apart and finds solutions to problems. None of the groups talk to each other.

What’s worse is that people believe we are making progress in all these areas. Because our approaches are compartmentalized and our religio-politics are personalized and fear-based, each person can claim no responsibility or involvement in systemic racism, income inequality worldwide, melting glaciers in Greenland, fires in California or political unrest in developing countries. Reductionism and compartmentalism give ALL OF US an easy out. “Not my problem,” we say.

The problem is that these challenges belong to ALL OF US. Each one of us is complicit and responsible in some way for the state of the world. If you are breathing, then you are responsible. We cannot point our fingers at others. We cannot write off the problems of the world as political or as liberal or conservative. We cannot write off the problems as belonging to someone else to fix. We cannot blame the other political party.

It all starts with a change of our heart and our mind. This kind of change is called “repentance.” Jesus told us very clearly in Luke 13, “Unless you ALL repent, you ALL will perish.” It is time for us to begin the process of repentance. We need to look up to heaven and say, “God, I am part of the mess on this planet. I am part of the problem. Please forgive me. Help me make the world a better place.”

**Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13**

*Reader:* Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*

*People:* **and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**

*Reader:* Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*

*People:* **and forget not all his benefits.**

*Reader:* He forgives all your sins \*

*People:* **and heals all your infirmities;**

*Reader:* He redeems your life from the grave \*

*People:* **and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

*Reader:* He satisfies you with good things, \*

*People:* **and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

*Reader:* The LORD executes righteousness \*

*People:* **and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

*Reader:* He made his ways known to Moses \*

*People:* **and his works to the children of Israel.]**

*Reader:* The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*

*People:* **slow to anger and of great kindness.**

*Reader:* He will not always accuse us, \*

*People:* **nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

*Reader:* He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*

*People:* **nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

*Reader:* For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*

*People:* **so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

*Reader:* As far as the east is from the west, \*

*People:* **so far has he removed our sins from us.**

*Reader:* As a father cares for his children, \*

*People:* **so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**

**Nicene Creed**

*All in unison; Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Reader:* As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever more faithful fellowship and service.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. Andrew's, Grove; Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Oklahoma; The Church of the Province of West Africa.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ed and Poulson, our Bishops; Bob and Tom, our clergy; Tim & Jennifer, our wardens; vestry delegates, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Donald, our President; Mike, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Vicki, Angie, Blair, Brian, Glen, Dante, Marilyn, Gary, Ann, and all those affected by the pandemic, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those in the armed services. We pray for those who have died (*especially...*)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

*People:* **Pete, Lance, Nancy, Lora, Fern, Crystal.**

*Reader:* Also those who are traveling, (*especially...*)

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing

**Celebrant:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself, on behalf of someone, or for a crisis in the world, you are invited to come forward at this time. Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions and injustices of our world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

*The people may come forward for healing prayers at this time. The Laying on of Hands is administered using these or other suitable words:*

**Celebrant:** In the name of God and trusting in his might alone, receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit, deliver you from every evil, and give you his peace. Amen.

*Anointing may be administered.*

**Celebrant:** N, I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life. Receive Christ's forgiveness, his healing and his love. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the riches of his grace, his wholeness and his peace. **Amen.**

## Healing Hymn:

### **Healer**

*Nancy & Lance Scott, Ken Yador*

Words & Music: Mike Guglielmucci

### **Verse 1**

You hold my very moment  
You calm my raging seas  
You walk with me through fire  
And heal all my disease  
I trust in You, I trust in You

### **Chorus**

I believe You're my healer  
I believe You are all I need  
I believe  
And I believe You're my portion  
I believe You're more than enough for me  
Jesus You're all I need

### **Bridge**

Nothing is impossible for You  
Nothing is impossible  
Nothing is impossible for You  
You hold my world in Your hands  
Nothing is impossible for You  
Nothing is...

## Confession and Absolution

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Celebrant and People:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Announcements; Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

### Offertory

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Sentence:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

### Offertory Hymn:

#### ***I Surrender***

*Nancy & Lance Scott, Ken Yadon*

Words/Music: Matt Crocker

#### ***Verse 1***

Here I am  
Down on my knees again  
Surrendering all  
Surrendering all

#### ***Verse 2***

Find me here  
Lord as You draw me near  
Desperate for You  
Desperate for You  
I surrender

#### ***Verse 3***

Drench my soul  
As mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst  
I hunger and thirst

#### ***Verse 4***

With arms stretched wide  
I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now  
Speak to me now

#### ***Chorus***

I surrender, I surrender  
I wanna know You more  
I wanna know You more

#### ***Bridge***

Like a rushing wind  
Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm  
Stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me

**Doxology:**

\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Sursum Corda**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

**Sanctus**

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One**

*Setting by Vicki Kueppers*

*A<sup>b</sup>/C Cm* *E<sup>b</sup> Fm G* *B<sup>b</sup>* *F* *Fm7* *B<sup>b</sup>* *Cm*  
 Ho-ly God, Ho-ly Might-y One, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One Have mer-cy on us and on the whole world.

*E<sup>b</sup> Fm G* *B<sup>b</sup>* *F* *Fm7* *B<sup>b</sup>* *Cm*  
 Ho-ly God, Ho-ly Might-y One, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One Have mer-cy on us and on the whole world.

*E<sup>b</sup> Fm G* *B<sup>b</sup>* *F* *Fm7* *B<sup>b</sup> rit.* *C*  
 Ho-ly God, Ho-ly Might-y One, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One Have mer-cy on us and on the whole world.

The Celebrant Continues:

### Lord's Prayer:

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People:* **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.**

### Fraction Anthem:

### Lamb of God

by John Michael Talbot

Am Am/G F G Am Am/G  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

F G Am Em Am Em7 A E  
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of

D E A E D E  
God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

F G E F F G 1. A 2. A  
mer-cy, grant, us grant us your peace. Have peace.

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Please come forward to receive communion while maintaining distances from one another. The celebrant will give you a small plastic bag with several consecrated communion wafers in it. You are not to consume it at church. Instead, take it home, say the prayers on the card and consume it with family and friends. You are the light of the world. Take the body of Christ with you this week and feed on it in your heart while praying for others.)

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Verse 1**

Come out of sadness  
From wherever you've been  
Come broken hearted  
Let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy  
Oh sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal

**Chorus**

Lay down your burdens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are broken  
Lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt  
Lay down your heart  
Come as you are

**Verse 2**

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table  
Come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't cure

**Chorus**

Lay down your burdens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are broken  
Lift up your face  
Oh wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
Lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

**Bridge**

Come as you are, Come as you are  
Fall in his arms, Come as you are

**Verse 3**

There's joy for the morning  
Oh sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow  
That heaven can't heal

# We Go Out To Do Our Work

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift. All that we have and all that we are comes from you. Accept the humble gifts of who we are with our differences, our goodness, and our mistakes. Help us be the blessing to others that you are to us. Help us not to fear but to love fearlessly. Help us not to worry but to get busy and help. We ask you to remind us in our hearts and minds of the great needs of so many in the world today for love, truth, and clarity. Keep the clouds of darkness and confusion away as we work to make the world a better place. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who guides, defends, and protects us. And who leads us into all truth. Amen**

## Pentecost Blessing

*Celebrant:* May the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, stream within us.  
May the breath of God renew us.  
May the breath of God invigorate us.  
May we walk with confidence into this new day. **Amen**

## Sending

*Celebrant:* Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Allelujah, Allelujah.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God, Allelujah, Allelujah.**

## Recessional Hymn:

### All that I Am

*Nancy & Lance Scott, Ken Yadon*

Words/Music: Rend Collective

#### Verse 1

Everything's on the altar now  
No holding back, no holding out  
In view of your matchless sacrifice  
Take every treasure, take this life

#### Chorus

All that I am for all that You are, my Lord  
All that I have for all that You are  
You're the pearl beyond price, greater than life  
All that I am for all that You are

#### Verse 2

Selfish ambition and my pride  
I'm giving up, I'm letting die  
In these empty hands I have it all, have it all  
The pure joy of knowing You, my Lord

#### Chorus

All that I am for all that You are, my Lord  
All that I have for all that You are  
You're the pearl beyond price, greater than life  
All that I am for all that You are

#### Bridge

It's only in surrender that I'm free  
It's only in surrender that I'm truly free  
It's only in surrender that I'm free  
(All I am is Yours, my Lord)  
It's only in surrender that I'm truly free  
I am free. I am free indeed  
I am free. I am free indeed

#### Chorus

All that I am for all that You are, my Lord  
All that I have for all that You are  
You're the pearl beyond price, greater than life  
All that I am for all that You are

# On the Altar: September

## Communion Bread

- Sept 6:** In honor of Kaleb Di Noia by Jennifer Sparks
- Sept 13:** In honor of all our church youth, past, present, and future by Katherine Coburn
- Sept 20:** In loving memory of Joe & Em Basolo by Nancy Green
- Sept 27:** In loving memory of Linda Edwards on her birthday by David Edwards



## Flowers



- Sept 6:** In loving memory of Alex & Ruth Burrell, Helen & Thomas E. Tobin, Sr., and Daniel Tobin by Barbara Tobin
- Sept 13:** In loving memory of Dorothy Boen by Dotty Oelkers
- Sept 20:** In loving memory of Eddie & Bernice Edwards and Emil & Marion Stratton by David Edwards
- Sept 27:** In loving memory of Sandy Odom & Dr. & Mrs. Ray Odom by Marlene & Van Odom

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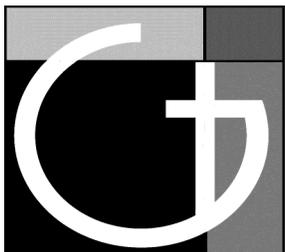
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