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## *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

*August 23, 2020*

10:30 a.m.

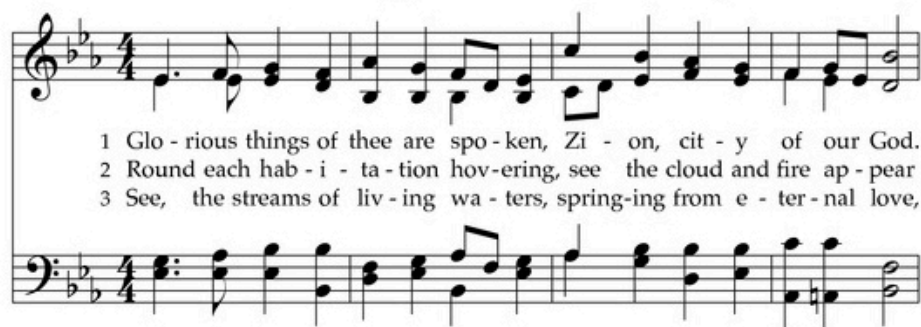
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THE VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Land of Rest*

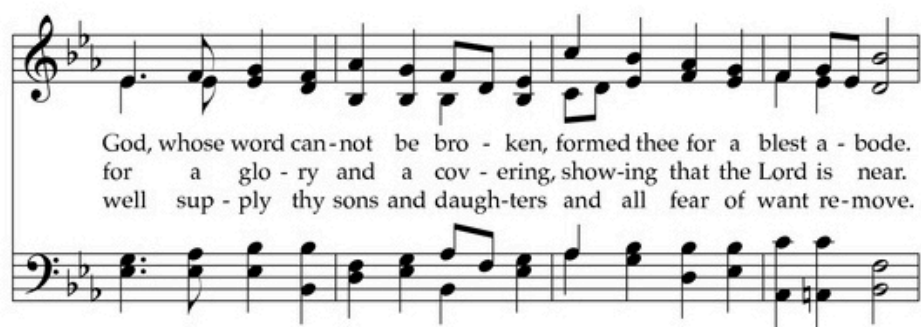
George Shearing (1919–2011)

## THE OPENING HYMN 522, vv. 1 &amp; 2 Glorious things of thee are spoken

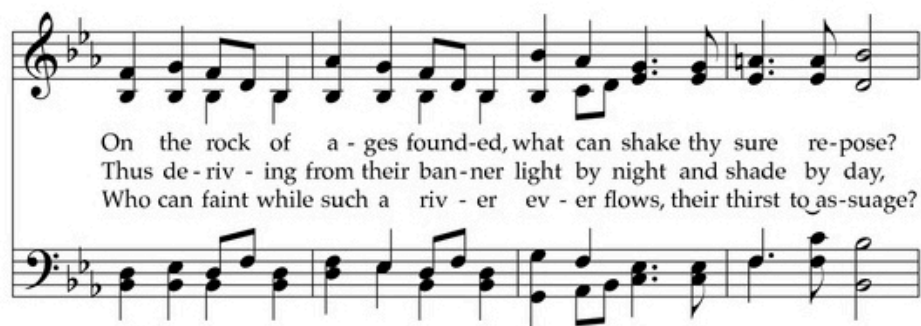
AUSTRIA

*All sing or read along.*


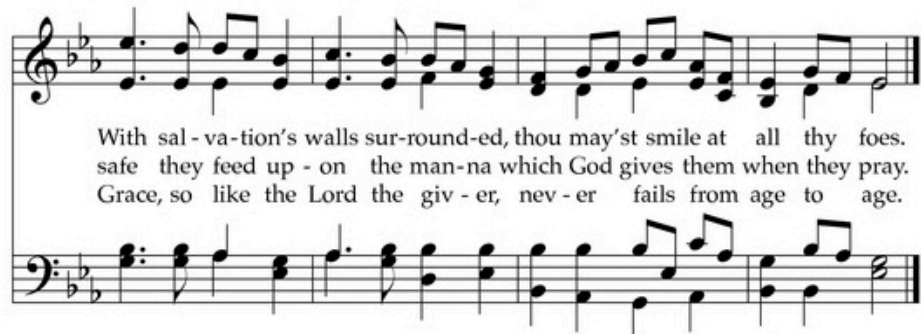
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

## THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## THE VENITE

*The people say the words in bold, starting and ending with the antiphon.*

*Antiphon:* **The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 124**The people say the words in **bold**.*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 **If the Lord had not been on our side, \***  
**when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \***  
**and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the Lord! \***  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \***  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 1:8–2:10*

**N**ow a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman

conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE: THE SONG OF MOSES

*The people say the words in bold.*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
**the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
**the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
**the earth swallowed them up.**

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
**with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
**on the mount of your possession,**

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign \*  
**for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 16:13–20*

**W**hen Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And 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. And 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. I 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.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE: A SONG OF CHRIST'S HUMILITY

*The people say the words in bold.*

Though in the form of God, \*  
 Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

**But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \***  
**and was born in human likeness.**

Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*  
 and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him \***  
**and given him the name above every name,**

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \***  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*Say in unison.***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.****He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.****He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.****He descended to the dead.****On the third day he rose again.****He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father.****He will come again to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit,****the holy catholic Church,****the communion of saints,****the forgiveness of sins,****the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Officiant* Let us pray.*All* **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.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;*People* **And grant us your salvation.***Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;*People* **Let your people sing with joy.***Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.***Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People*      **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Officiant*   Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People*      **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant*   Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People*      **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS AND PRAYER FOR MISSION

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## THE WELCOME

HYMN, vv. 1 & 4    It is well with my soul

*All sing or read along.*

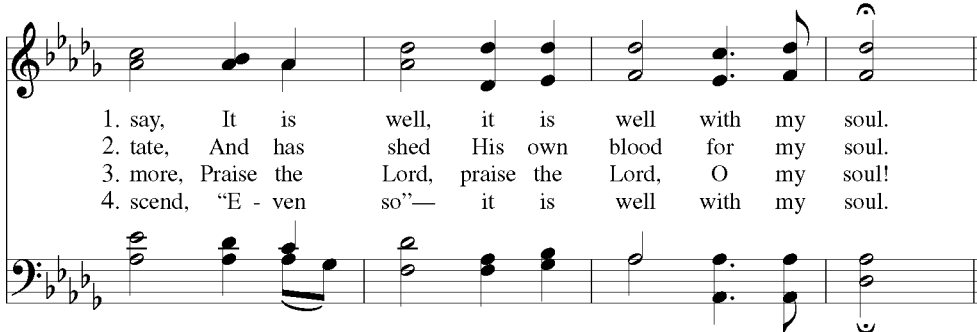
1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

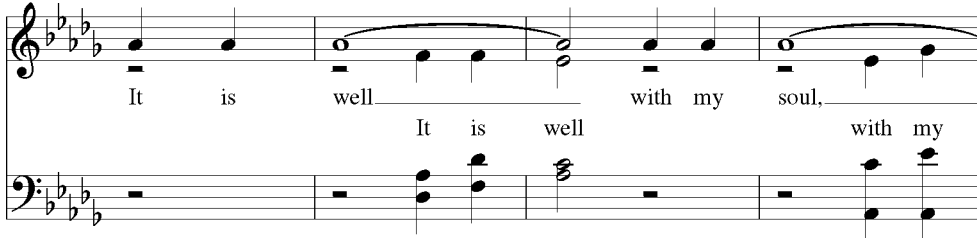




1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, with my  
 It is well with my



— It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 soul,

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828–1888), Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838–1876)

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Say in unison.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

#### THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jerusalem

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

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#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Officiant and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Patricia
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Seamus
Brad Babbitt	Maureen Carrol	Billy Ulrich	Deedy
Steve Chambers	Robert E. Eikel	Carlos Diaz	Beverly
Barbara	Dhaliwal Family	Lowenstein Family	Moghadam Family

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Alex Bleicher	Catie Gillespie
Jim Lawler	Naomi Cipriano
Stephen Roberts	Mark Field
Dennis Winkleblack	Erica Maas Shippee

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; and for church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.