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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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**It's Imperative
As We Gather**

Christians do good works most of the time without even thinking about it. That's because faith is an active, living, real thing. God's Word for this day is all about how God-given faith shows itself in a Christian's life—in one's attitude, relationships, words, and deeds. Those without faith, like many of the Pharisees in today's Gospel, consider "good works" only as a way to influence or manipulate other people and even God. Such good works are never really good at all but are tainted with sin, selfishness, and pride. True faith, on the other hand, is not even our work alone at all, but the work of God the Holy Spirit who, through the Word of God and His Holy Sacraments, instills and inspires in the Christian the mind of Christ, the faithfulness and righteousness of Jesus. Such faith also endures the cross and all sufferings related to living in the world still disfigured by deadly sin. In faith God equips you with "everything good that you may do His will" (Hebrews 13:21). Offer up the sacrifice of praise to God in thanksgiving for His gift of redemption through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

PREPARATION

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1 Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word, We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred, Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
 - 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight, Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night, With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
 - 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- △4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

- P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Confession and Absolution

- P The Spirit of God calls forth sacrifices pleasing to God: brotherly love, hospitality to strangers, care for all in need, faithfulness in marriage and the family, fearless joy in the Lord, right faith, and right worship. Let us ask God to forgive our sinful neglect of faith's power to have free course in our life.
- C **Almighty God, we confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our entire being, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Alone we remain without hope, health, or help. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P May the God of peace equip you with everything good that you may do His will. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm *Psalm 131; antiphon: v. 2*

- ¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.
³O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

Kyrie

- P Lord, have mercy upon us. C **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

- 1 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
 - 2 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- D 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 25:2–10*

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Hebrews 13:1–17*

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and

adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Luke 14:11*

C **Alleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 14:1–14*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will

be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty, Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

- C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all the goodness and loving kindness You have bestowed on us, especially for redeeming us through the great sacrifice of the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and for giving us the gift of true repentance, faith, hope, and love by Your Holy Spirit. Work in us a right understanding of Your will, and grant us hearts, lips, and lives that show forth true thanksgiving in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Guide and govern Your Church throughout the world that all may walk in the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send Your grace on all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care that they may please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Have mercy upon all who are in authority over us, those who keep watch over our souls, as well as those in the authority of worldly government that we may have free course to live as Your redeemed people and serve one another in love. Bless all who serve to protect us in our nation and our community. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Preserve those who travel and help all who call upon You in any need, that they may have patience and trust in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy, shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion, That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in, Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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