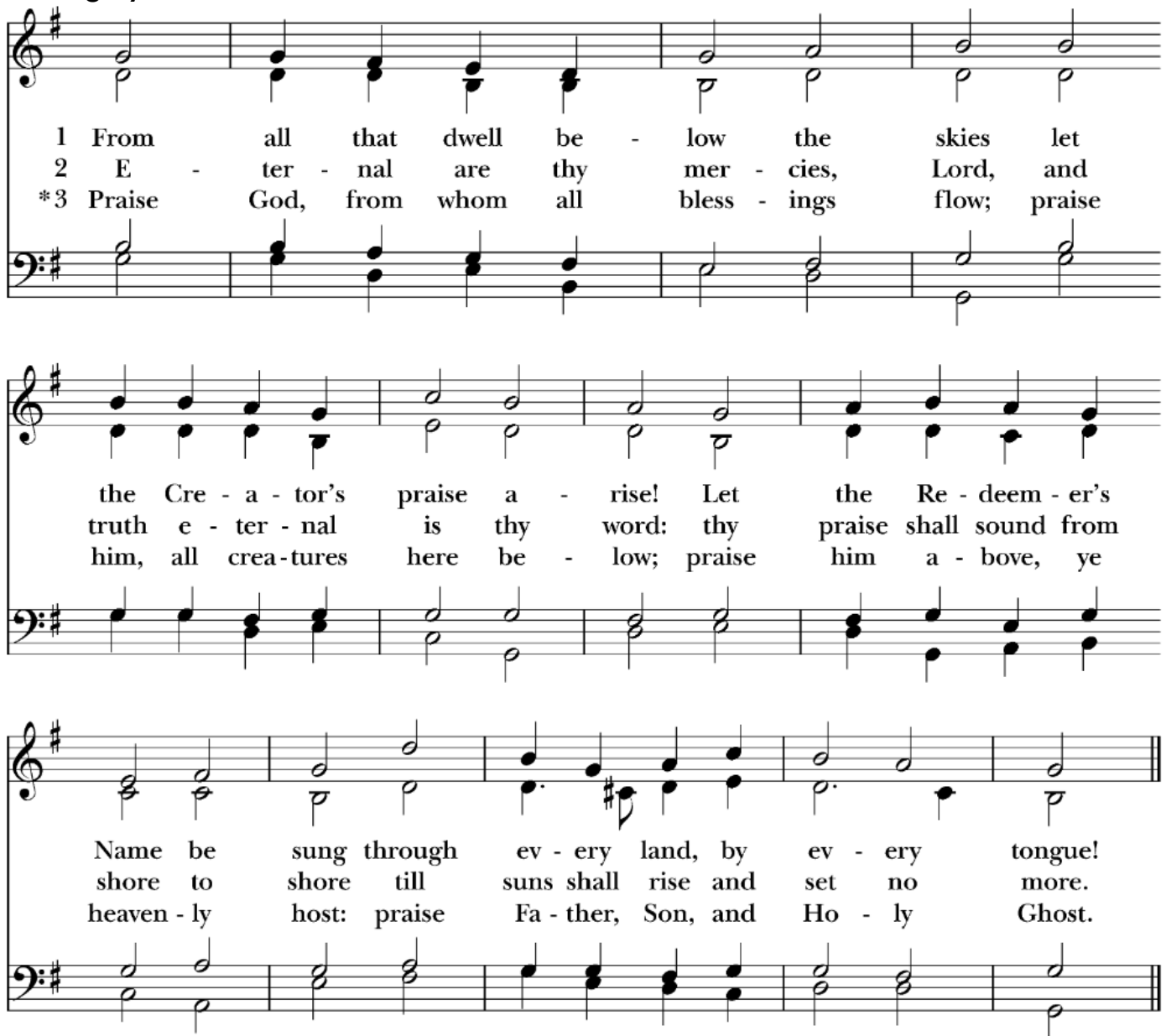


The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: August 16, 2026

Gathering Hymn

From All That Dwell Below the Skies – H380

All stand as able



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Collect of the Day *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

First Reading – Genesis 45:1-15 *All may be seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; God has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 *All remain seated; text is read in unison.*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
 when people live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head
 that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron,
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
 life for evermore.

Second Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *All remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected the people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected God's people whom God foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you of Gentile background were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of the disobedience of some, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 15:10-28 *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep among my own people." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Offeratory

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread – H321



1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick-en-ing grace, O Lord, in coun - less
 4 Nor let thy spread-ing Gos - pel rest till through the



love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall



thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Communion

Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal – H360



1 On - ly - be - gott - en, Word of God e -
 2 This is thy tem - ple; here thy pres - ence -
 3 Here in our sick - ness heal - ing grace a -
 *4 Hal - lowed this dwell - ing where the Lord a -
 5 Lord, we be - seech thee, as we thron'g thy
 6 God in three Per - sons, Fa - ther ev - er -



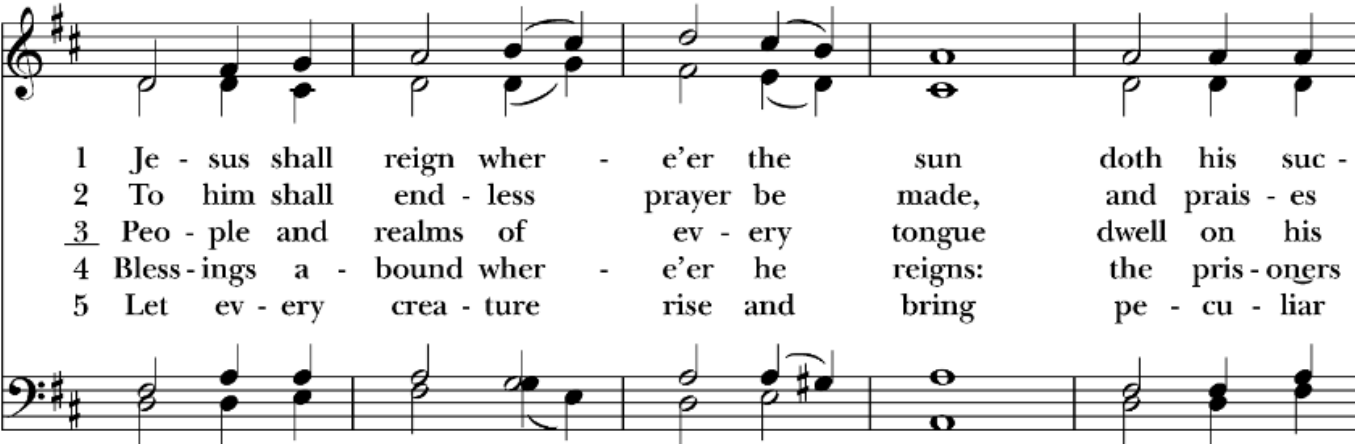
1 ter - nal, Lord of cre - a - tion, mer - ci - ful and
 2 cham - ber; here may thy ser - vants, at the mys - tic
 3 bound - eth, light in our blind - ness, in our toil re -
 4 bid - eth, this is none o - ther than the gate of
 5 tem - ple, by thy past bless - ings, by thy pres - ent
 6 last - ing, Son co - e - ter - nal, ev - er - bless - ed



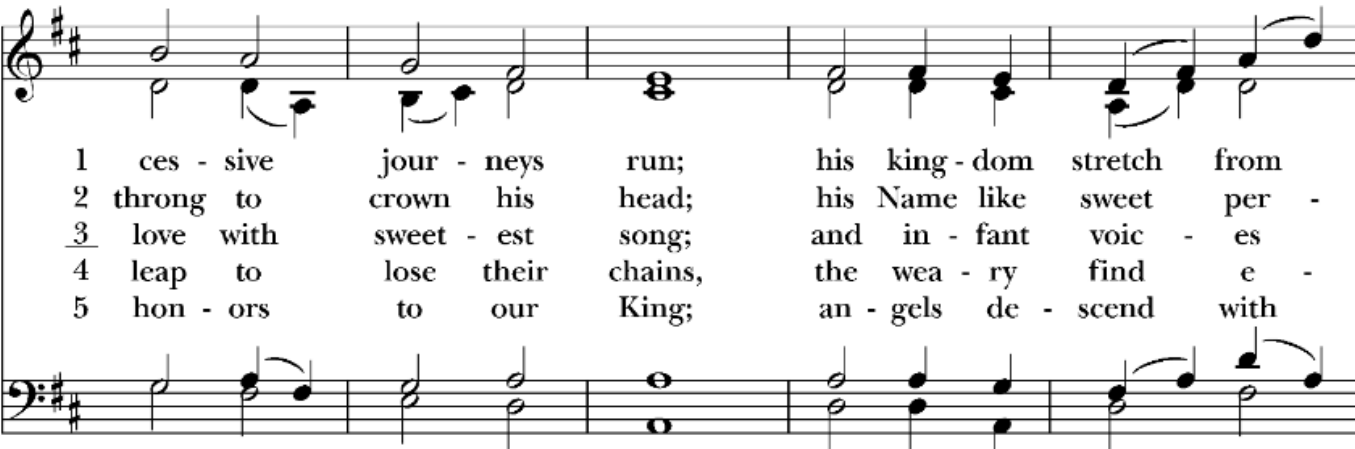
1 might - y, hear now thy ser - vants when their joy - ful
 2 ban - quet, hum - bly a - dor - ing, take thy Bo - dy
 3 fresh - ment: sin is for - giv - en, hope o'er fear pre -
 4 hea - ven; strang - ers and pil - grims, seek - ing homes e -
 5 boun - ty, fa - vor thy chil - dren, and with ten - der
 6 Spi - rit, thine be the glo - ry, praise, and a - dor -



1 voic - es rise to thy pres - ence.
 2 bro - ken, drink of thy chal - ice.
 3 vail - eth, joy o - ver sor - row.
 4 ter - nal, pass through its por - tals.
 5 mer - cy hear our pe - ti - tions.
 6 a - tion, now and for ev - er.



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.