

# St. Luke's Table

## SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST

The ruler of this world  
shall now be cast out;  
and when I am lifted up  
from the earth,  
I will draw all people  
to myself.

*John 12.31, 32*



Whole World in God's Hands, Carmody, Courtney

## Good Morning and Welcome!

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## The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit:  
a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise.

*(Psalm 51.18)*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found,  
call upon him when he draws near;  
let the wicked forsake their ways,  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
and let them return to the Lord,  
and he will have compassion,  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
(Isaiah 55.6, 7)

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(1 John 1.8, 9)*

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 neighbours 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.**



Almighty God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Opening Hymn



Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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 Invitatory (for Pentecost)

Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:  
O come, let us worship.

Jubilate, (alternating verses)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading:

2 Samuel 8:4-11,  
16-20, 11:14-15



King Saul, Lidia Kozenitsky

## 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20, 11:14-15

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.”

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.



Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king.

He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;

He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.”

So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 138, (alternating verses)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the  
fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**God of creation and fulfilment,  
help us to seek and discover your purposes,  
that we may become willing instruments  
of your grace, and that all the world  
may come to love and praise your name,  
in the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 13; 5: 1



Walk into Heaven -- David McCracken, Bondi, Australia

## 2 Corinthians 4-13; 5: 1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord

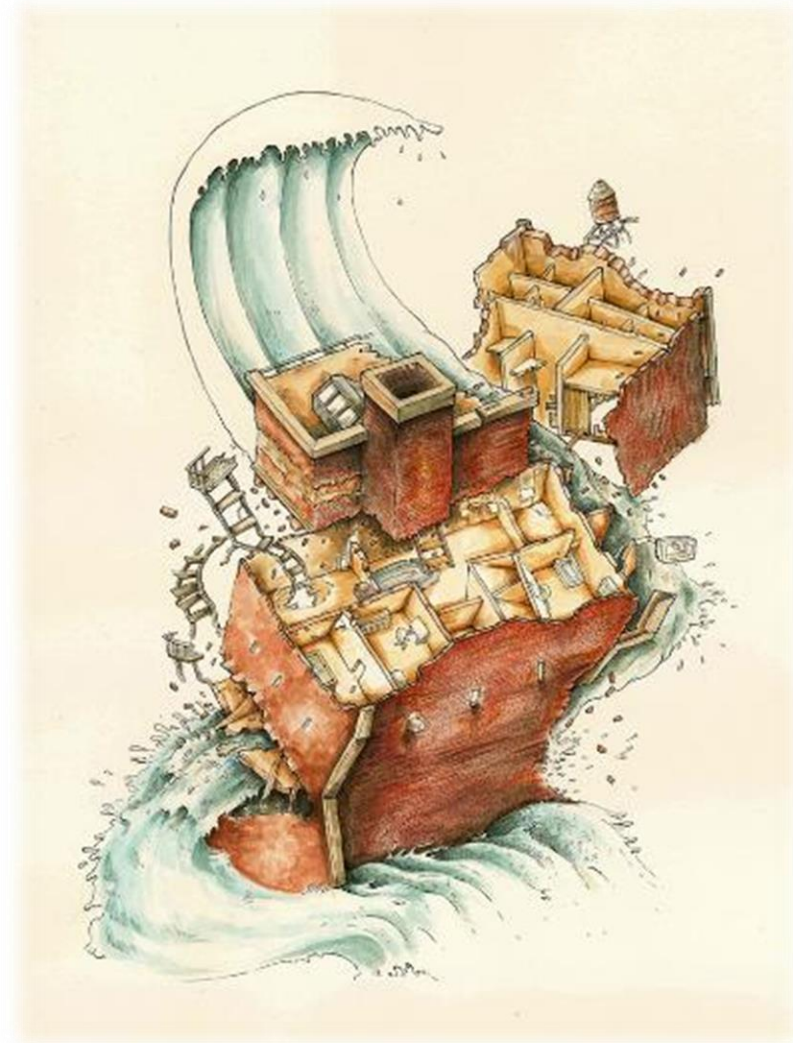
**Thanks be to God**

# Gradual Hymn



## The Good News

The Gospel  
of Christ according to  
Mark 3: 20-35



House Divided, Siemens, Luke

## Mark 3: 20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.



“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters[a] are outside, asking for you.”

And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!

Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

# Reflection



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Affirmation of Faith  
The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

# Prayers of the People



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## The Peace

We are the body of Christ;  
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



# Offertory Hymn



## Prayer over the Gifts

**Merciful God and Father,  
in Adam's fall we were born to death;  
in the new Adam we are reborn to life.  
In all we offer you this day  
may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

**O God,  
you have assured the human family of eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in him,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**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, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia.**

# Closing Hymn



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