

July 25, 2021  
Proper 12

Call to Worship  
*(Ephesians 3)*

One: God created all things visible and invisible; none other.

**All: God provides food for your stomach and spirit; none other.**

One: God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

**All: Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn 353

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

*(silent confession)*

**Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: The river of God's mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 14**

1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.  
2 The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind

to see if there are any who are wise,  
who seek after God.  
3 They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good,  
no, not one.  
4 Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the Lord?  
5 There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.  
6 You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the Lord is their refuge.  
7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

### **John 6:1-21**

6After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.\* 2A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages\* would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' 10Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they\* sat down, about five thousand in all. 11Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' 15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19When they had rowed about three or four miles,\* they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20But he said to them, 'It is I;\* do not be afraid.' 21Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

## **Ephesians 3:14-21**

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,\* 15from whom every family\* in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith:  
(The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

Prayer of Dedication  
*(Isaiah 60)*

**All: O God, bless our offerings so that we can follow where Christ leads, freeing the wealth of nations for the service of the kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn 292

*"As the Wind Song"*