



*Solomon Praying to the Holy Spirit (1460s)*  
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## **DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, July 26, 2020**

Lectionary 17, Year A

*About the cover:*

*The words are from the Vulgate (Latin) version of the Wisdom of Solomon 12:1,*

**O quam bonus et suavis est, Domine, spiritus tuus in omnibus!**

*“Oh, how good and pleasant, the Spirit is in all!”*

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**PROLOGUE**

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

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*Adagio (from Symphony no. 5, op. 42 no. 1)*

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

*Widor's Toccata is one of the most famous pieces of organ music ever written. The Toccata is the fifth movement of a larger work, the Symphony no. 5. The French organ symphony is a genre of large scale multiple movement organ compositions, conceived to be played on Cavaillé-Coll's organs, which were "symphonic" in style, meaning that the voicing was orchestral in scope and allowed for a much wider dynamic and expressive range than organs of the past. The fourth movement of Widor's Symphony no. 5 is the gentle, meditative Adagio heard here.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: I Kings 3:5-12**

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*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

A reading from First Kings.

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 119:129-136

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.

When your word is o - pened, it gives  
light and un - der - stand - ing.

Psalm 119:130

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<sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened | it gives light;**

**it gives understanding | to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant

because I long for | your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,**

**as you always do to those who | love your name. REFRAIN**

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps | in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,**

**and I will keep | your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant

and teach | me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed | streams of tears,**

**because people do not | keep your teaching. REFRAIN**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39**

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*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Cantor: Many will come from | east and west\**

*and will eat in the king- | dom of heaven. (Matthew 8:11)*

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Steve Springer*



1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.  
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!  
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,  
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me

The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.  
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.  
 I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."  
 on dan-ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.

My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -  
 Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing  
 God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -  
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will

fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.  
 clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.  
 mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.  
 hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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After each petition: “Lord in your mercy,” the assembly responds “**Hear our prayer.**”

[These prayers are composed by John Hoelter, who writes “God” without any vowels, just as the Old Testament does.]

With the whole people of Gd, let us pray.

*We pray for the life life of Church*

O Gd,

Jesus taught and lived ‘*thy kingdom come, thy will be done.*’ We pray that this Xp-spirit of self-giving love be planted in the church as seeds of the kingdom, to grow into a faithful and stalwart body of life, grounded and nourished in your light and understanding.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gd,

We are, by your grace, a congregation, a people whose lives are shaped by the pattern of gathering around the altar. Though now distanced from congregating, we yet remember the persons we know, those with whom we would sit, sing, pray, take in the preaching. May the pause from our spiritual practice lead us find great joy recalling past and anticipating future treasured time together.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*We pray for a testimony and witness to troubled world*

O Gd,

When we see the disregard of truth and right in a world troubled by personal claims for recognition power, and when we see in ourselves a similar striving for dominance -- we do not always know how to pray. O Gd, let your spirit intercedes with our sighs.

When words fail, may we, nevertheless, awaken ourselves to run our daily stage of duties and by so doing raise a testimony to forgiveness and a witness to a trust in the words our worship gives us today, “what God ordains is good indeed .” For the sake of the world, may our footsteps be ordered in the light and understanding of your word.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*We pray for assurance for those in need*

O Gd,

We are reminded many times and in many ways that nothing "... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. If God is for us, who is against us? All things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." We pray let those in need, enduring disturbance and disease, continually hear in their heart such holy words and so find faith in your faithfulness. We remember those we can name, and we think of those known to others and those known only to you.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Finally O Gd,

Accept what is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we give thanks and praise for the flow of all your blessings. May there be for the whole people under your watchful care, the joyful find of life rising out of death, as the good ordained by your kingdom unfolds.

Lord in you mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Largo* (from Sonata no. 2 in C minor, BWV 526)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*One of Bach's many contributions to organ music was his adaptation of the trio sonata. In Baroque music, a trio sonata is a multi-movement piece written for two melodic instruments (often violins) along with a basso continuo line played by a melodic bass instrument and a keyboard instrument. Bach realized that the pipe organ could perform the functions of all four instruments, and one of his crowning achievements was the composition of six sonatas that used the organ in this way. These works are among his most difficult and virtuosic because of the independence required for each of the three parts. When our organist, Kevin Seal, began working on his first Bach trio sonata as a teenager, an older organist remarked that "That is great! You'll be working on those for the rest of your life."*

**BLESSING**

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Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

Trumpet Tune in C  
David Johnson (1922-1987)

*Our organ at Dove of Peace continues down its long path to completion, as new pipes are added monthly. The most recent major addition to the instrument is the Tromba stop. The Tromba is a powerful trumpet-like reed stop, and it is both loud and bright. Our Tromba is the loudest stop on our new organ, and it is enclosed in its own division in the organ, under expression (which means that once the swell shutters are operable the organist will be able to have some control over the volume.) In this Trumpet Tune, by noted organ teacher and composer David Johnson, who finished his career at ASU, the Tromba stop is heard as the featured solo stop, before being used as a chorus reed for the final statement of the melody.*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Cantor: Eric Holtan  
Lector: Dianne Huston  
Intercessor: John Hoelter