



# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **“JOY OF THE LORD”**

Though the tears may fall my song will rise My song will rise to You  
Though my heart may fail my song will rise My song will rise to You  
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You Lord

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes I'll lift my eyes to You  
Though the waters rise I'll lift my eyes I'll lift my eyes to You  
While there's hope in this heart I will praise You Lord

The Joy of the Lord is my strength. The Joy of the Lord is my strength.  
In the darkness, I'll dance. In the shadows, I'll sing.  
The Joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes Let faith arise to You  
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine Let faith arise to You  
God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

How You shine with glory Lord of light I feel alive with You  
In Your presence now I come alive I am alive with You  
There is strength when I say I will praise You Lord

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*When sorrow comes my way You are the shield around me  
Always You remain Like courage in the fight I hear You call my name  
Jesus I am coming Walking on the waves Reaching for Your light*

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### **“GRACE LIKE RAIN”**

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost But now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see so clearly.

Hallelujah! Grace, like rain, falls down on me. Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away.  
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'Twas grace that taught My heart to fear And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did That grace appear The hour I first believed.

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**When we've been there Ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days To sing Your praise Than when we'd first begun.**

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## ***INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER***

### ***CONFESSION***

*A time for reflection on our sin and on God's mercy*

**ALL: Heavenly Father, we confess that we daily fall short of living lives that are worthy of Your name. We have been baptized into new life with Christ, yet live at times as though we do not know Christ. We have not been faithful to carry out the Great Commission. We need Your grace and mercy, for we are by nature sinful and unclean. Good and gracious God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### ***ABSOLUTION***

#### ***THE NICENE CREED***

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***"I LOVE YOU, LORD" ILC Men's Choir***

### ***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE***

#### ***EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22 [One in Christ]***

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then

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you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## **GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 [The Great Commission]**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## **SERMON**

*"Making Disciples of the Hmong Nation" Rev. Dr. Fung Lo*

## **OFFERING and CONNECTION CARDS**

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## **"WE FALL DOWN"**

**We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.**

**The greatness of His mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.**

**We cry, "Holy! Holy! Holy!" We cry, "Holy! Holy! Holy!"**

**We cry, "Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy is The Lamb."**

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH,**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **BLESSING**

#### **"IF WE ARE THE BODY"**

**It's crowded in worship today as she slips in, trying to fade into the faces.**

**The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know, farther than they know.**

**But if we are The Body, why aren't His arms reaching?**

**Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching?**

**And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going?**

**Why is His love not showing them there is a way? There is a way.**

**A traveler is far away from home; He sheds his coat And quietly sinks into the back row.**

**The weight of their judgmental glances Tells him that his chances Are better out on the road.**

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***Jesus paid much too high a price for us to pick and choose  
Who should come, and we are The body of Christ.***

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Why is His love not showing them there is a way? Jesus is a way.**

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