

SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD WORSHIP
4TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST | JUNE 28, 2020

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon | Pastor Brenda Bos

Children’s Chat | LRCC

Anthem: “We are Marching to the Light of God” (lyrics on screen)

Prayers of God’s People

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Help us to truly live into being the One Body of Christ. May those of us with privilege share our power and invite others into leadership. May the disenfranchised be brought into equity and inclusion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. May we live differently in the future after this time of pandemic and pausing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Bless our nation in this presidential election. May we be thoughtful and faithful. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick with all diseases, but especially with those who will die from Coronavirus. Comfort the lonely, especially those who are suffering under the shutdown orders. Bless the abandoned, especially children who do not learn well on-line, and those languishing in jails, institutions or hospitals. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of community, we give thanks for our congregations, our synod and our denomination. Usher us into a time of renewal and hope, even as the world despairs. Give us wisdom and courage to be beacons in our communities. Bring bold leaders and vision to all your children. Bless our bishop Guy as he and Rob prepare to leave us for a new call in Philadelphia. Bless the leaders who remain and even now, we pray the bishop you will call to us in the future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.