Pentecost 7
July 7, 2024
Goodness/Generosity

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spi - rit of_ the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the pre - sence of_ the Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P **Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.**

C **Amen.**

P **Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God, our rock and refuge,**

C **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P **The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.**

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "For The Beauty of the Earth"

1 For the_ beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the_ love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the_ wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and_ vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: ***Refrain***

5 For each_ perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thy - self, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

GREETING

P **From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.**

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.
For your Spirit to guide;
that you center our lives in the water and the word;
That you nourish our souls…with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P **Let us pray together.**

C **God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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ANTHEM

LESSON OF THE DAY Galatians 5:16-26

The lesson begins:

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

P **The Word of the Lord.**

C **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - leluia, Al - lelu - ia, Al - leluia, Alle - luia.

GOSPEL **Mark 6:1-13**

P **The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.**

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE **"Restore In Us, O God"**

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

APOSTLE'S CREED

P **Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

C **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 into hell. 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.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A **One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.**

A brief silence.

A **Generous God, You have blessed us with your abundant love and grace to live in freedom and safety. We thank you for the blessings that you continually bestow upon us. Grant us, we pray, generous hearts and open hands, that we may bear good fruit and be channels of your grace. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens, and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Merciful God, you speak, and the nations listen. May those who govern hear the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, especially people fleeing violence and those seeking freedom and peace. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Bless all who suffer in any way with the healing power of your Holy Spirit and grant them renewal. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

A **Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed (*especially*). Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

C **Amen.**

OFFERING – Plates will be passed

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THE OFFERTORY "Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart_, O God,
and renew a right spirit within_ me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir-it from_ me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free_ Spir-it.
Create in me a clean heart_, O God,
and renew a right spirit within_ me.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P **The Lord be with you.**
C **And also with you.**
P **Lift up your hearts.**
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
P **It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.**

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might_,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full_, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor's own words)

P **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P **As a community, let us sing the Lord's Prayer.**

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive_ us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P **Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!**

THE COMMUNION is given and received.

THE BLESSING

P **Holy God, strengthen us through the redeeming gift of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may stand firm in our faith. We praise you for your gift of grace. Create in us a fresh new heart, invigorate our work, enliven our speech, and lead us to live for your glory.**

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. ***Refrain***

DISMISSAL

A **Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,**

C **To know Christ, and to make Christ known.**
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE