



## Worship with Communion 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!**

Amma Diane

### ♪ **God's Holy Ways are Just and True**

God's holy ways are just and true, God's promises are ever new. Alleluia, alleluia!

Let ev'ry heart with praises sing, and make this house with voices ring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind God's grace and love; our needs provided from above. Alleluia, alleluia!

God kept his word and Jesus came to make a people in God's name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again the deeds of old, the story of our mighty God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

For all God's glorious works and ways, we shall rejoice through endless days.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

*All* **AMEN!**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN!**

## **First Lesson**

Genesis 22.1-14

*Reader 1* A reading from the book of Genesis.

*God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.*

*When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."*

*Reader 1* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Unison Reading**

Psalm 13

*Reader 1* Let us read together from Psalm 13.

*All* How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me? Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death; lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over this one," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help. I will sing to the Lord who has dealt with me richly; I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

**Gospel**

Matthew 10.40-42

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever 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; and 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."*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon**

Amma Diane

**Nicene Creed***Celebrant* Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!

## Prayers of the People

- Reader 2* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
- All* **For our families, friends, & neighbors, & for those who are alone.**
- Reader 2* For this community, the nation, and the world;
- All* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**
- Reader 2* For the just and proper use of your creation;
- All* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
- Reader 2* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
- All* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, & the needy.**
- Reader 2* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
- All* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**
- Reader 2* For the entire Body of Christ, near and far.
- All* **For all who serve God and God's Church.**
- Reader 2* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;
- All* **For your mercy is great.**
- Reader 2* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;
- All* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- Reader 2* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
- All* **Who put their trust in you.**
- Reader 2* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
- All* **Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**
- Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- All* **AMEN!**

## Passing the Peace

- Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.
- People* **And also with you.**

## Invitation to Communion

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ Christ for the World! We Sing

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;  
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost, by restless passion tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with one accord;  
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott, 1869. Music: *MOSCOW/ITALIAN HYMN*, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mysjec.com/donate](https://mysjec.com/donate). Thank you for your financial support as we've adapted our ministry and mission together these past few months.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take... eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

### **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

*All* **Alleluia! AMEN!**

## ♪ **When We Face an Unknown Future**

When we face an unknown future that we can't imagine yet,  
when the closeness we have treasured turns from blessing into threat —  
As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave community,  
may we look, God, in this season, for a whole new way to be.

Jesus faced the lonely desert as a time to look within.  
There he met such trial and conflict; there he knew you were with him.  
In this time of separation when we miss the life we've known,  
may we hear your voice proclaiming: "I am here! You're not alone."

May we cherish those around us as we never have before.  
May we think much less of profit; may we learn what matters more.  
May we hear our neighbors' suffering; may we see our neighbors' pain.  
May we learn new ways of offering life and health and hope again.

God, when illness comes to threaten, and when so much here goes wrong,  
may we know this thing for certain — that your love is sure and strong.  
You're beside us in our suffering — and when times are surely tough,  
we may face an unknown future, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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