



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Holy Eucharist

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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

All are welcome (vv. 1, 2 and 5)

Marty Haugen

Opening Acclamation

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis

arr. Michael Spring

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus (12: 1-14)

Andrew Hales

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals

on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down

every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino* Michael Isham & Lisa Norton-Rotella

- 1 Hallelujah!
 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
 Hallelujah!

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13: 8-14)
Susan Schubert

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Silence may follow.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(18: 15-20)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. Barry Griffin

Nicene Creed

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 (Form VI from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Flo Webster

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob and Don, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

(If you wish, please unmute your channel to add your petitions and your voice to the prayers that follow.)

Silence

(The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

(The People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution

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. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a “virtual” hello or a hug.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Andrew Hales & Susan Schubert
Psalmists	Michael Isham & Lisa Norton-Rotella
Music	Tom Elston, Music Director - St. John's Singers
Prayers of the People	Flo Webster
Communications Director	Jorge Darr
Preacher and Celebrant	The Rev. Barry Griffin

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