

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021**



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PRELUDE: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993)
arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

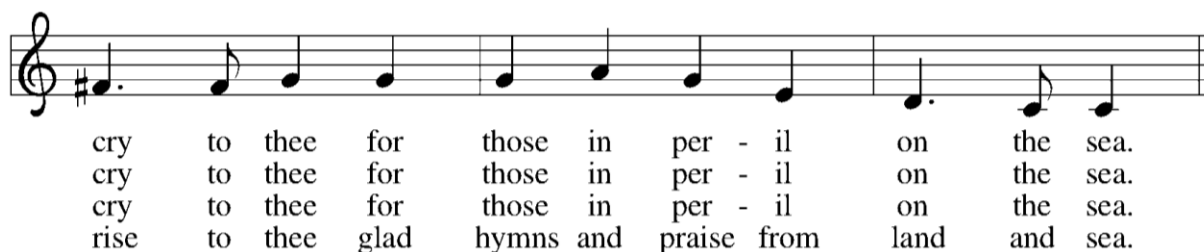
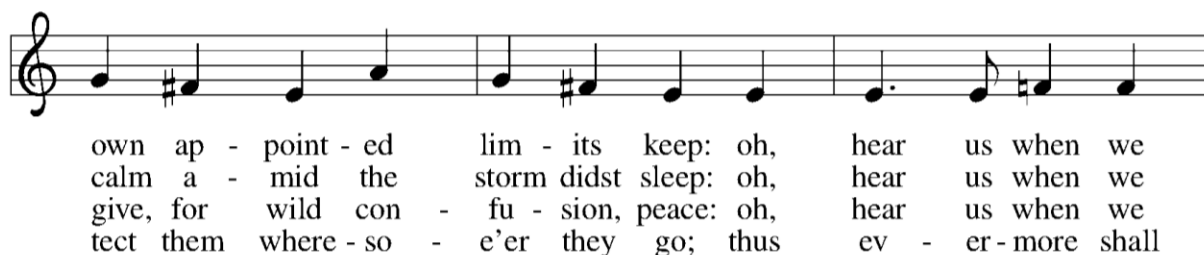
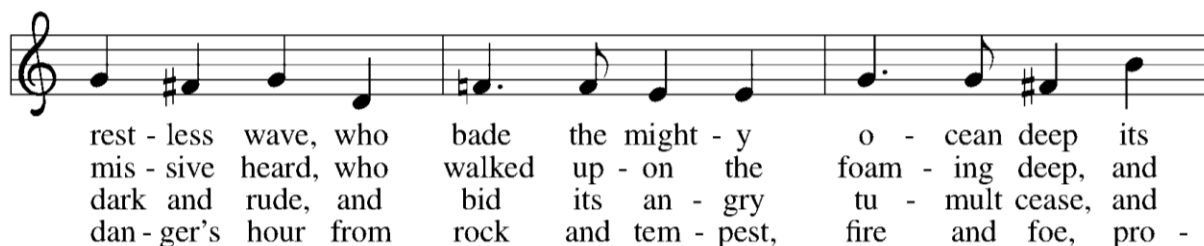
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

#756



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

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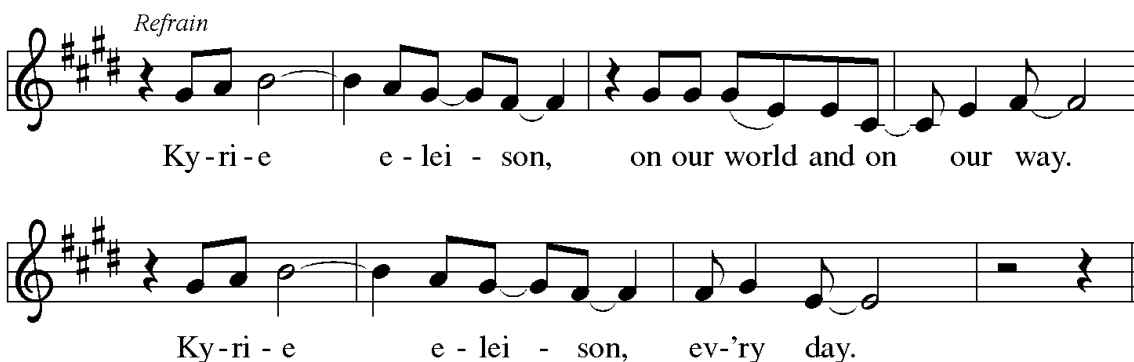


Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



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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*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Kyrie*.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Kyrie*.

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*.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

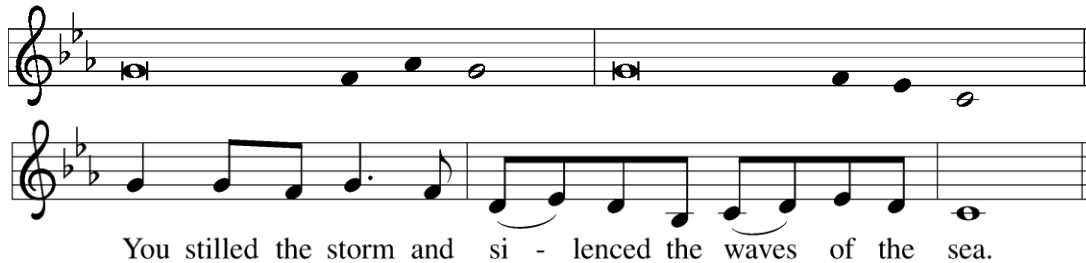
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

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⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
 when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
 and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
 for God's mercy en- dures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim**
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
³gathering them in from the lands;
 from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,**
plying their trade in deep waters. R
²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
 God's wonderful works in the deep.
²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,**
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
 their souls melted away in their peril.
²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
 and all their skill was of no avail.
²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
 and you delivered them from their distress.
²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper**
and silenced the waves of the sea. R
³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
 when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love**
and your wonderful works for all people.
³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
 in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah! **R**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Johanna Rehbaum

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the cantor: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Alleluia.
(2 Cor. 6:2)

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and

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rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Johanna Rehbaum

HYMN OF THE DAY

*If available, please open your hymnals and sign along to **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**, #773*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

OFFERING *This time may be used to make a gift online, or write a check to be mailed in,
to sustain the ministries of the Church.*

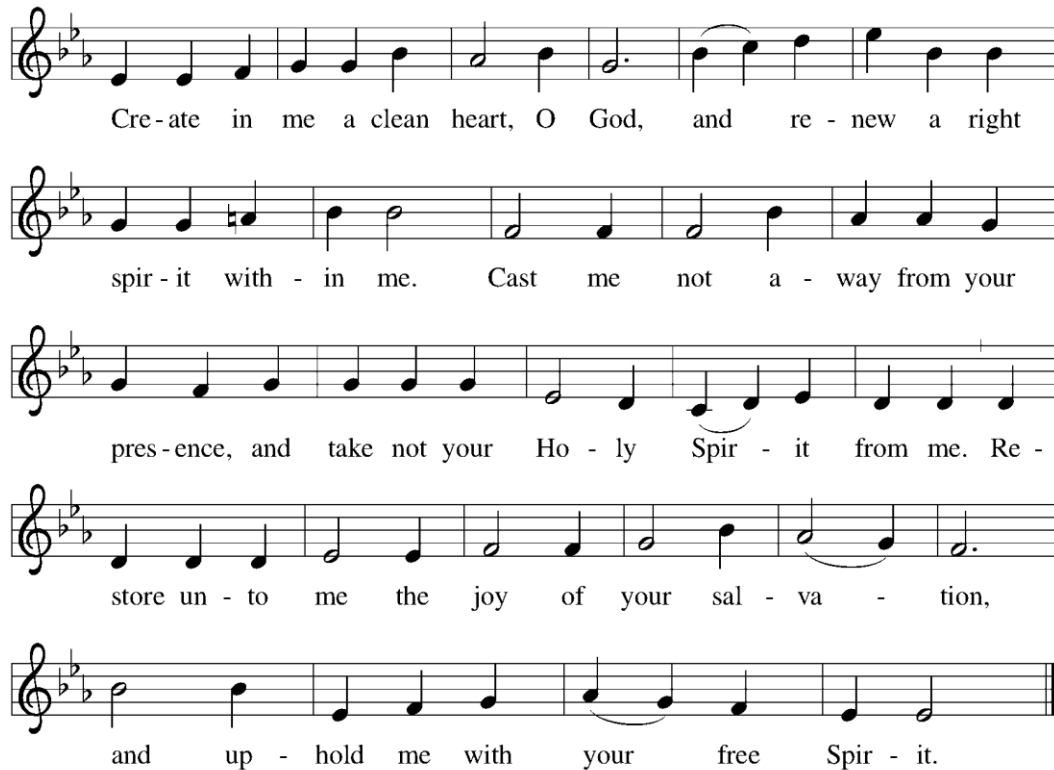
OFFERTORY: *Antiphon V - How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou*

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#188



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.
We love you above all things, and we long to receive your body and blood,
which you have given for us.
Since we cannot in this moment receive you in the sacrament, come spiritually into our hearts.
Grant to us in due season and according to your great kindness so again to share in the
celebration and to receive the sacrament of your body and blood, that we may know the joy of
being fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God.
Until that time, nourish us with your word, strengthen our faith, and conform our lives to yours.
Bless us and your whole church as we pray as you have taught us:

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Share peace with those around you or online, or write down the name of someone you will text
or call later to check up on them and spread Christ's peace to them.*

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING SONG

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

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Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murill (1909-1952)

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Psalm 107:29

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