



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 28, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to
generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our
lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe
that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not
welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love,
renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness
of life.

Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God
through ☩ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

All My Hope on God is Founded

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All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone,
call my heart to be thine own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.

Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of God's own Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930,

GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever
Amen

KYRIE

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Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 22:1-14

Ed Valentine, Lector

A reading from Genesis

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He 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.” ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then 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.” ⁶Abraham 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. ⁷Isaac 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?” ⁸Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²[The angel] 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.” ¹³And 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. ¹⁴So 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.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴“I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.””

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Refrain—sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
 hearts are filled with glad - ness.
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

End

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:40-42

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

[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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

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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

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

*God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to
enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people
who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news,
seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.*

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. 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. 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 justice and compassion. 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, lonely, or abandoned especially Jack and Pia Bellinger, Nat Padin, Alphonso Johnson, Denise Irving, Katharine Parker, Sharon Chenail, Shannon, Louise, Bill, Dana, Justin, Jeanne and Tim Winkler, Candy Ermer, Paul Lasher, the Pappace family, Reverend Dewey Strohmeyer and family, those suffering from COVID-19, _____

Are there others? Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of community, we give thanks for this virtual congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died especially Henry Vollmer III, William R. Vollmer, Douglas MacDonald, Louise Strohmeyer, all those who have died from COVID-19 and those who have died from unrest in our cities, _____

Are there others?

Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. 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.**

PEACE

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection... Forever and ever. **Amen.**

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,
 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Let us pray together: My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this Spiritual Communion you have opened us even more to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

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Today's flowers are given by Diana Vollmer
in loving memory of Henry Vollmer III and William R. Vollmer

FEED A FAMILY OF FOUR DURING THE SUMMER

It's important to keep the Family Meals going during the summer. Just call The Marketplace Cafe (413) 248-5040 ext. 2 and tell them you want to order a school meal. It's \$26 and change with taxes and they take your card info over the phone and it's done!! Thank you for your incredible and repeating acts of generosity!!!

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heav'n above
 shall come the city of our God.