

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: June 28, 2020

RINGING OF THE BELL

SILENCE: Pray for open hearts & minds to Christ and his gifts of grace in Word & Sacrament.

PRELUDE #876 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We begin with the words that were spoken and the sign that was marked upon us in our baptism when we were declared God’s sons and daughters and brothers and sisters to each other. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us call to mind the need we all have for God’s mercy.

Lord Jesus, you know the secrets of our inmost hearts. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you know our weakness and failings. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you know our hidden needs and fears. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

This is the good news. God is mercy and in the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven. Amen.

FORGIVENESS HYMN #666 v. 1 & 2 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

GATHERING

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray (pause). 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.**

WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Psalm 89. Our response is: “Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.”

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

Response.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations. **Response.**

Happy are the people who knew the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence. They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness. **Response.**

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted. Truly your shield belongs to the Lord; our King to the Holy One of Israel. **Response.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

“Alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Alleluia”

#172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the twelve: “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.”

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

HOMILY

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered together as people of faith, we offer our prayers trusting in God’s love.

Gracious God, empower your church to proclaim the good news of your love. Lord, in your mercy:

Gracious God, empower your church to challenge the powers of hate and violence. Lord, in your mercy:

Gracious God, empower your church to embrace the way of humble service toward the neighbor. Lord, in your mercy:

Gracious God, empower your church to bear the cross of sacrificial giving for the sake of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Lord, in your mercy:

Gracious God, lift up all who are broken in body, mind, and spirit. Especially those we name in our hearts (silence). Lord, in your mercy:

Gracious God, strengthen your bishops, Elizabeth and Michael, to follow in the way of Jesus offering the drink of the gospel to all people. Lord, in your mercy:

Gracious God, thank you for receiving our prayers. We offer them in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SONG FOR THE GIFTS #744 “Lord, Be Glorified”

Blessed are you, Lord God, of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS

Let us pray (pause). Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty Father who created the world and called us to care for it with a spirit of wonder and faithfulness. You sent Jesus to give us a heart of mercy and to fill us with love for all that you have made. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

On the night before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you. Do this in memory of me.

When supper was ended Jesus took the cup. Again Father he gave you thanks and praise. Gave the cup to his disciples and said, take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, it will be shed for you and for all people that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

We remember those of our parish whose anniversary of death we commemorate this week: Alfred. We rejoice in the gift of eternal life he now enjoys in heaven with you and all the saints who have gone before us. Also, remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Through him, with him, in him; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

OUR FATHER & SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Resurrection & the Life, you take away the sins of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Bread of Life, you take away the sins of the world. **Grant us your peace. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray (pause). Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AT THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP

Loving God, bless our families and fill our homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Especially send your blessing upon Jeff & Mary and their family, Doug & Shaness and their family; David & Dorothy and their family. Protect them, guide them, and deepen their love for you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

O Saving Lord Jesus, hear our pleas as we come before you to pray for deliverance and protection from the Coronavirus. We pray for all who are sick and suffering and for families that are grieving. Give us each the determination to do all we can to stop the spread. Let your holy angels stand guard and watch above us, below us, and on each side of us. Especially put a shield of protection around all our precious children. Give insight and skill to those working to develop medicines and the vaccine we need. We commend ourselves, our community, our country, and our world into your hands. Lord, we love you and adore you. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE