

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

June 20, 2021
9:15 A.M.

Gathering Hymn.....Lord, Be Glorified (744)
Hymn of the Day.....My Faith Looks Up to Thee (759)
Communion.....Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (777)
Sending Hymn.....Be Thou My Vision (793)

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Prelude "Adoro te devote" by Kevin Waters
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Trombone: Scott Crump

Announcements

+ Confession

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain,
field and ocean, the power at work within us and this world.*

Amen.

*Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us
confess our sin.*

(Silence for reflection.)

God and Father of all,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

Lord, Be Glorified (744)

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



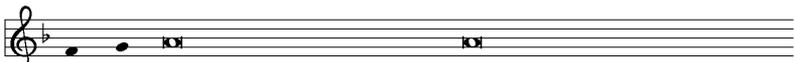
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



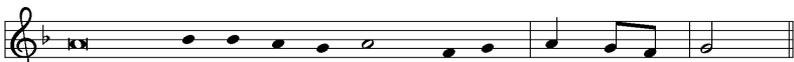
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**
 Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.
A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the
 hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

we seek the narrow door of salvation half-heartedly. We wish our efforts and connections were enough, but we fear deep down that they are not. Open our eyes to see you gather people from every corner of the earth, that we might trust in your mercy and grace, not in our efforts. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music "Love's Redeeming Work is Done"

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Reading

Revelation 7:1-4, 9-10

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, 'Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.'

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel. ...

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a

loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, with some slurs and ties, and the lyrics are placed directly below the notes.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, ‘Lord, will only a few be saved?’ He said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then in reply he will say to you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!” There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Smith

+Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (759)

Baptism of Lyla Maciejewski

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Daughter of Caitlin and Jeffrey Maciejewski

Sponsors: Catherine Dunlop and Keith Maciejewski

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 into hell.**

**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.**

Prayers

*Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and
all of God's creation.*

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week: Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Ginger Johnson, Jean Hinck, Joshua Kaiser, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, John Plump, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Steve Thompkins, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

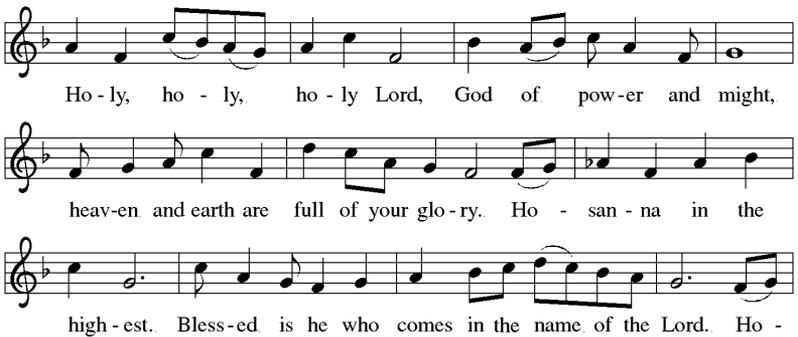
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

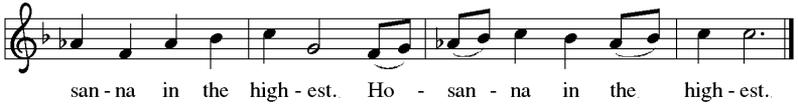
The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name.

*You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.*

*With mercy higher than the mountains, you blessed and cherished
your people Israel.*

With grace deeper than the seas, you came among us in Jesus.

*With love stronger than stone, you died and rose that we might
have life.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

*Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until
he comes:*

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

*Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and our pleading, as
Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in
the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours,
now and forever.*

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, come forward to receive the bread and wine, maintaining 6 feet between households. You will grab a piece of bread and cup of wine/grape juice from the table, hearing the promise from the pastor. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshipping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (777)

The Communion Blessing
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Be Thou My Vision (793)

Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to Jon and Elisa Thompson for this week's altar flowers in celebration of their anniversary.

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