



THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY 12, 21 JUNE 2020

Liturgy and Sermon: Pr. Caron

GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reforming God,

**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
failing to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.**

**We place our hope in ourselves, yet our efforts fall short of your love
and your children suffer.**

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love.**

Amen.

Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins,
Now, seek good, and not evil; love mercy.
Encourage one another to acts of love
as we await the fullness of the coming Kingdom.
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We sing or speak the hymn, "Oh Worship the King" as we are able

1 O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: William Croft, 1678-1727

Tune: Lyons, Composer Joseph Krause, 1756-1792

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

And also with you.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



The Readings

The first reading is from Jeremiah.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The second reading is from Romans, the 6th chapter

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel, Matthew 10:24-39 is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! We have been united by baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ!

Let us rise and live in new life! Alleluia

The Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter! **Glory to you O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sing or speak the hymn ‘Son of God Eternal Savior’, as we are able.

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| 1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need. | 3 | Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain. |
| 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be. | 4 | Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope’s fruition:
here on earth your will be done. |

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932
Tune: in Babilone, Dutch Folk Tune

CONFESSON OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of all peoples, you call and gather diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long. In the midst of our challenges strengthen us to care for our open spaces and local waterways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Give us courage to speak out for healing and justice and peace in your name, and to speak for those whose voice is shuttered or silenced. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fathering God, Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers, and bring peace to all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts after each petition

God of wholeness, God of peace come with power to restore us, to bring healing and new life. We lift before you:

all who need medical treatment from any and every cause...

for those engulfed by loss and grief...

those struggling and afraid for health in body, mind and finances....

Be our strength to meet the days ahead in faith and hope.

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

Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pause to share Peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online at or set apart and mailed. Then continue:



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.

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Dwell in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

We say or sing the hymn 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms'

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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Tune: Showalter, Anthony J Showalter 1858-1924

POSTLUDE

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