

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2020

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS AND THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: EARTH AND ALL STARS (817)

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!

Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees!

Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!

Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song

Children of God, Dying and rising,

Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth,

Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God:

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our savior, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(After each reading:)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then in the presence of the priests and of all the people who were standing in the Temple, I said to Hananiah: ⁶“Wonderful! I hope the LORD will do this! I certainly hope he will make your prophecy come true and will bring back from Babylonia all the temple treasures and all the people who were taken away as prisoners. ⁷But listen to what I say to you and to the people. ⁸The prophets who spoke long ago, before my time and yours, predicted that war, starvation, and disease would come to many nations and powerful kingdoms. ⁹But a prophet who predicts peace can only be recognized as a prophet whom the LORD has truly sent when that prophet’s predictions come true.”

Romans 7:1-13

¹ Certainly you will understand what I am about to say, my brothers and sisters, because all of you know about law. The law rules over people only as long as they live. ²A married woman, for example, is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if he dies, then she is free from the law that bound her to him. ³So then, if she lives with another man while her husband is alive, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is legally a free woman and does not commit adultery if she marries another man. ⁴That is how it is with you, my sisters and brothers. As far as the Law is concerned, you also have died because you are part of the body of Christ; and now you belong to him who was raised from death in order that we might be useful in the service of God. ⁵For when we lived according to our human nature, the sinful desires stirred up by the Law were at work in our bodies, and all we did ended in death. ⁶Now, however, we are free from the Law, because we died to that which once held us prisoners. No longer do we serve in the old way of a written law, but in the new way of the Spirit. ⁷ Shall we say, then, that the Law itself is sinful? Of course not! But it was the Law that made me know what sin is. If the Law had not said, “Do not desire what belongs to someone else,” I would not have known such a desire. ⁸But by means of that commandment sin found its chance to stir up all kinds of selfish desires in me. Apart from law, sin is a dead thing. ⁹I myself was once alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life, ¹⁰and I died. And the commandment which was meant to bring life, in my case brought death. Sin found its chance, and by means of the commandment it deceived me and killed me. ¹² So then, the Law itself is holy, and the commandment is holy, right, and good. ¹³But does this mean that what is good caused my death? By no means! It was sin that did it; by using what is good, sin brought death to me, in order that its true nature as sin might be revealed. And so, by means of the commandment sin is shown to be even more terribly sinful.

Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the world. No, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. I came to set sons against their fathers, daughters against their mothers, daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law; your worst enemies will be the members of your own family. ³⁷ Those who love their father or mother more than me are not fit to be my disciples; those who love their son or daughter more than me are not fit to be my disciples. Those who do not take up their cross and follow in my steps are not fit to be my disciples. Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it. ⁴⁰ Whoever welcomes you welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes God’s messenger because he is God’s messenger, will share in his reward. And whoever welcomes a good man because he is good, will share in his reward. ⁴²You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward.”

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: GODS OWN CHILD I GLADLY SAY IT (594)

God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.

*Do I need earth’s treasures many, I have one worth more than any
that brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!*

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.

Should guilty conscience seize me, Since Baptism did release me

In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness, To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes, Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine, To make life immortal mine.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

THE PRAYERS

THE 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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, and making us all, a divided and broken humanity, forever one in your kingdom.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace.

CONSECRATION & DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION SONG

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;

tell everyone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord

rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises

and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE (680)

Thine the amen Thine the praise, Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story, Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree, All the earth on bended knee

Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry

Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes, Thine the table we the guest

Thine the mercy all from Thee, Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war

Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize, Thine the wonder full surprise

Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the justice of Thy ways

Thine the glory Thine the story, Then the welcome to the least

Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night, No more dying only light

Thine the river Thine the tree, Then the Lamb eternally

Then the holy holy holy, Celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.