

Divine Service - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 497 ss. 1-3

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now out poured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light,
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Come holy Light, Guide Divine,
Now cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Come holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

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

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

Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution

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.

CONG..... Amen.

The Introit of the Day

Ps. 50:1, 7-10

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.
The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-
being of the Church of God, and for the unity
of all let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
LORD.
CONG..... *Amen.*

Choir: “Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of
Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul,
my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in
flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He
makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling
stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all
the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of
Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and
forevermore be Thine!

PASTOR: Collect of the Day.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus
Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears
and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that
we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: JEREMIAH 28:5-9

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in
the presence of the priests and all the people who were
standing in the house of the Lord,
6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so;
may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come
true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of
the house of the Lord, and all the exiles.
7 Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in
the hearing of all the people.
8 The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times

prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Gradual:

Ps 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
And I will declare your greatness.

The Epistle: ROMANS 7:1-13

1 Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.

5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had

not said, “You shall not covet.”

8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Verse:

Matt 9:13b

Alleluia. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: MATTHEW 10:34-42

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

35 For 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.

36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

37 Whoever 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.

38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

40 “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

The Sermon Hymn: 688 ss. 1-5

1. Come, follow me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and
guiding.

O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take my example for your
guide.

2. I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here
below.

3. My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness
overflowing.

My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on
Him I call.

4. I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's
salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its
temptation.

I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly
goal.

5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross
appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.

For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly
life obtain.

The Sermon: "That You May Belong to Another!"

Rom 7:1-13

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 697 ss. 1-4

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light,
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us he died
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

The Apostles' Creed (We Confess Together)

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.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Collect for the Word

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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