

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 28, 2020

WELCOME BY GREETERS AND USHERS

RECTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE

Priest: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

-Psalm 19:14

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Priest and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE VENITE

Led by Nkem Onwuamaegbu.

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him.

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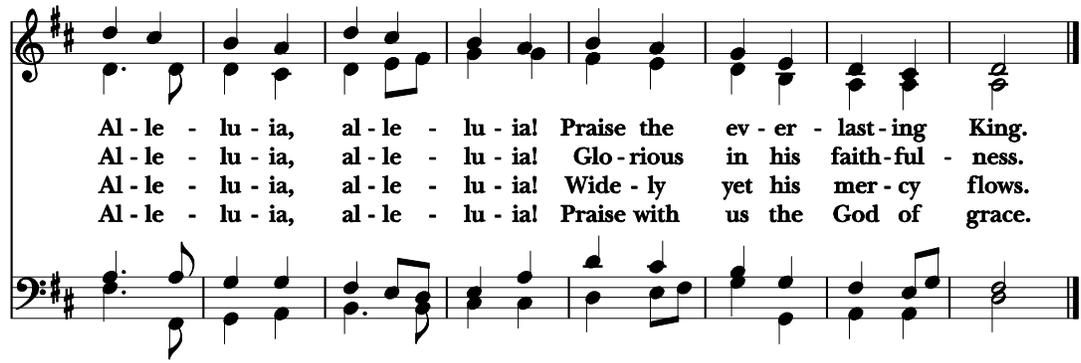
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Sung by the Summer Choir.

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



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THE READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Read by Scott Raab.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 13

Read by Anthony Pegues.

- 1 How long, O Lord?
 will you forget me for ever?
 how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
 and grief in my heart, day after day?
 how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;
 give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
 and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy;
 my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;
 I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Hubert Hastings Parry
(1848–1918)

Sung by Justin Dean

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Leonard L. Hamlin, Sr.
Canon Missioner, The Washington National Cathedral

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Read by Linda Gaines.

Leader and People:

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 to the dead. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by Nancy and Frank Klotz.

The people stand or kneel.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Read by Andrew Clarke and Chip Sherrill.

Versicle: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Response: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Versicle: Day by day we bless you;

Response: We praise your Name for ever.

Versicle: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Response: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Versicle: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

Response: For we put our trust in you.

Versicle: Let your way be known upon earth;

Response: And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Priest: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Jack Reiffer.

(adapted from prayers written by Brian McLaren.)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, “We thank you, living God.”

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For the communities of St. John’s and our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, *Mariann* and *Chilton*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the *Washington National Cathedral*, and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, the *Supreme Court*, and for all who serve our country, that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For those in special need today, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins. For the people of the *Middle East*, *Latin America*, and *all affected by the coronavirus* and for your care for all those in need:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.

Leader: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Renate Alison, Bibian Arriaga, Allen Dennis, Elise Doucet, Mason Green, Charley Griffin, Andrew Hunt, Joanna Hunt, Benjamin Lovelace, Elizabeth Martin, Nayla Mengel, Ralph Olson, Mario Paslar, Christi Rich, Garrett Russo, Lisa Beury Russo, Nicholas Schoeneman, Bayley Thomas, Alyssa Tomlinson, and John Ward*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Katrina Robson and Douglas Barnes, Ann and Bill Kaye, and Nancy and Alex Pappas*; and in thanksgiving for the 45th anniversary of *Jack Reiffer's* ordination as a pastor.

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For our country and all who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Read by Frank Klotz.

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Read by Caroline Faris.

Leader: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Read by Stewart Jeffries.

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20, 21

VOLUNTARY *Andante tranquillo* from *Sonata No. 3*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for the 45th anniversary of **JACK REIFFER'S** ordination as a pastor.

USHER: Anita and George Diliberto.

GREETERS: Laura and Sam Patten and Anne Stewart and Tony Tambasco.