THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANTE-COMMUNION: RITE II JUNE 28, 2020 AT 10:00AM



During this time when we aren't able to be together physically, we invite you to join us in other ways. Please check our <u>Website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u> pages regularly for new information and video messages. If you are in need of groceries, medicine, or any other essentials please let us know by calling (717) 299-1188 or emailing equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org. We have a number of volunteers and staff members willing and able to run errands as needed.

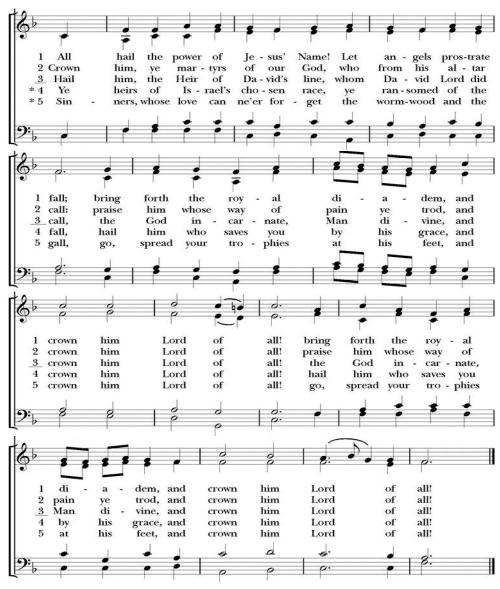
PRELUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. D. Bolk

Opening Hymn All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn 450



6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! Officiant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. People

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Surely it is God who saves me



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People Celebrant Let us pray.

> 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*.

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord. Reader Thanks be to God. People

PSALM 13

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.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Christ for the world we sing!

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:40-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand)

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (pause)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; we lift up Church of the Transfiguration, Blue Ridge Summit in the Diocesan cycle of prayer and in the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for United Church of North India.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Donald, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor. *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Heather. *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed, especially Butch, eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant

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*.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Thank you for your support during this season of our lives: your generosity enables the work of Christ to continue here and now. Contributions can be mailed to the church office (321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603) or given online at https://stjohns-lancaster.org.

Musical Offering Come, thou fount of every blessing

arr. D. Funderburk

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing, Officiant Fa - ther hea - ven. hal - lowed Our in be your Name. your king - dom come, will be done, on earth your in as 0 Give hea ven. us to day our dai ly bread. • For - give give those who us our sins as we for sin gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er, A and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. men.

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE CANNOT RECEIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, we join in offering the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving to you. We present to you ourselves, our souls and our bodies, with the earnest longing that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot receive the Holy Sacrament, come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and love you with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength. Let nothing ever separate us from you. Let us live and die in your love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Praise the Lord through every nation

HYMN 484

Praise the Lord through every nation; his holy arm hath wrought salvation; exalt him on his Father's throne.

Praise your King, ye Christian legions, who now prepares in heavenly regions unfailing mansions for his own:

with voice and minstrelsy extol his majesty:

Alleluia!

His praise shall sound all nature round

His praise shall sound all nature round, and hymns on every tongue abound.

Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious, o'er sin, and death, and hell victorious, wisdom and might to thee belong: we confess, proclaim, adore thee; we bow the knee, we fall before thee; thy love henceforth shall be our song.

The cross meanwhile we bear, the crown ere long to wear:

Alleluia!

Thy reign extend world without end; let praise from all to thee ascend.

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Toccata on Old Hundredth R. Lau

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion Rite II 11:00 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting (PH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 1

12:00 p.m. Prayer (Facebook Live)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

SOLES4SOULS— LAST CHANCE to drop off your shoes for this year's Soles4Souls outreach opportunity. Soles4Souls which was scheduled to happen during Lent, will end Tuesday, June 30th. The shoes can be brought to the church office from 10am - 3pm. Please tie shoe laces together and otherwise a rubber band on the shoes would be a help. We do not need the shoe boxes as they are all repacked. One pair can make a huge difference for someone in need.

FOOD PANTRY— Thank you for your continual support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. Thank you for being good news to those in need. The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30—3:30 p.m. We are currently in need of toiletry items (please leave on the back porch of Becker House).

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING!



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