



4th Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2020

*Please continue to care for yourself and your neighbor
by wearing your mask and maintaining safe social distancing
during worship.*

Confession

P : In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that
confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that
trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the
Christ.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended
you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote
myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your
boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit
that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a
life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast
love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our
Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Prelude

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Opening Sentences

P: Salvation belongs to our God,

C: And to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

P: Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord of the universe.

C: Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of the nations.

P: Who can fail to honor you, Lord,

C: and sing of the glory of your name?

P: For you alone are the Holy One.

**C: All nations will draw near and worship before you,
for your just and holy works have been revealed!**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

P: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare His faithfulness from age to age for all time.

P: We hear and keep His Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious Lord, the salvation that you bring to us is the possibility of knowing the alternative to Sin. So liberate us to this new reality that we will despise the old ways of sin and thus, by our neglect of its influence over us, affirm that indeed You have caused it to wither and die just You have promised. Amen.

*1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!*

**Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;*

**visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

*2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;*

**let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.**

*Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;*

**end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

*3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;*

**suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.**

*Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,*

**pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

*4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;*

**let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!**

*Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,*

**till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!**

You are no longer under the Dominion of Sin

Paul writes: But, the Law slipped in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; yet, where sin increased, to an even greater degree grace was strengthened, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What will we say? Let us remain in Sin in order that grace abounds? By no means! We who died to Sin, how will we still live in it? Or are you ignorant of the fact that as many of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, thus we too would walk about in the new reality of life. For since we have become united with the same form of his death, we also will be united with the same form as his resurrection. Knowing this, that our old humanity was made jointly crucified in order that the body of Sin would be eschatologically obliterated in order that we no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died has been right-wised from sin. Therefore, since we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Knowing that Christ, after being raised from the dead, no longer dies; death no longer exercises lordship over him. For the one who died to sin, died once for all. The one who lives, lives to God. Thusly, also you reckon yourselves to be on the one hand dead to Sin and on the other hand alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey its passions, and no longer present your members to sin as weapons of unrighteousness for sin, but present yourselves to God as out from the dead ones living, and present your members to God as weapons of righteousness. For sin no longer exercises lordship over you. For you are not under law but under grace.

You ask: What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace?

I say: By no means! You know, don't you, that the one to whom you present yourselves as slaves for the purpose of obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey; either of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But grace be to God! You were once slaves of sin, but obeyed from the heart for a pattern of teaching to which you were handed over – now, by being freed from Sin, you were enslaved to righteousness.

*I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.*

**It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.**

*When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.*

**When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.**

*I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.*

**But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.**

*With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.*

**Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.**

*Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.*

**Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress--make haste to answer me.**

*Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.*

**You know the insults I receive, and my shame and dishonor;
my foes are all known to you.**

*Insults have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.*

**I looked for pity, but there was none;
and for comforters, but I found none.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Willingness to be Instructed by a Gospel teacher has its reward

Jesus said: "Whoever is welcoming you, is welcoming me. And whoever is welcoming me, is welcoming the one who has sent me. Whoever is welcoming a prophet in the name of a prophet, will apprehend a prophet's reward. And whoever is welcoming a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will apprehend 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--Amen I tell you, none of these ruins their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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1 Give to our God immortal praise!

Mercy and truth are all his ways.

Wonders of grace to God belong;

repeat his mercies in your song.

2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save

from guilt and darkness and the grave.

Wonders of grace to God belong;

repeat his mercies in your song.

3 Give to the Lord of lords renown;

the King of kings with glory crown.

His mercies ever shall endure

when lords and kings are known no more!

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Offering is Presented

Offeratory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: In thanks for all the blessing of life, for work and rest, for food and shelter, for love and laughter, for beauty and harmony, we return these offerings to You, O God. We pray that our thanks is pleasing in Your sight, that what we offer is used again for sustenance and growth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Prayers

The LORD'S Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal

Grace's Congregation Council has affirmed that Grace will be following the new NYForward Phase requirements, maintaining the closure of the building other than for Sunday Worship and cancelling and postponing all Grace Events at least until the Mid-Hudson Region reaches Phase 4. Grace will continue to abide by the requirements for Mask-wearing and Social Distancing imposed by NY State.

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