

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 13, 2021 — COURTYARD WORSHIP

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

— Text: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Come, Holy Spirit. **Make all things new.**

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.**

Song of Praise

Let all things now living

The Ash Grove

Let all things now— liv - ing a song of— thanks - giv - ing to
God the— Cre - at - or tri - um - phant - ly raise, who
fash - ioned and— made us, pro - tect - ed— and— stayed us, who

guides us— and— leads to the end of our days. God's—
 ban - ners— fly— o'er us; God's light goes— be - fore us, a
 pil - lar— of— fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
 shad - ows have— van - ished and dark - ness— is— ban - ished, as
 for - ward— we— trav - el from light in - to light.

Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading *seated* Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 *spoken responsively by whole verse*

It is a good thing to give thanks to God, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

**To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
 and of your faithfulness in the night season;**

On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp,

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O God, *
 and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree * and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of God * shall flourish in the heavenly courts.

They shall still bear fruit in old age; * they shall be green and succulent,

That they may show how upright God is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.——

The Gospel Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Sermon The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor O God, 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, deacons, and pastors of every kind;

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;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, especially in our efforts to undo the structures of racism wherever they may be found;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . .

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

That we may be a blessing to others.

We pray especially for . . . and those blessings we name now, either silently or aloud . . .

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . .

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, blessed Trinity, three in one. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text "SCEC" to 73256 and you will receive a return text with instructions.

Hymn 711 *seated* Seek ye first the kingdom of God *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *Refrain*

*– Text: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.*

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them unto God.**

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

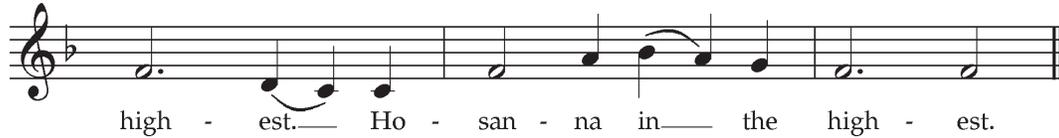
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

American folk melody

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



We acclaim you, Loving God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

Celebrant When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Loving God.

Celebrant We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessed Mary, Mother of God, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Columba and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

We alternate seasonally between the traditional and contemporary versions of the Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

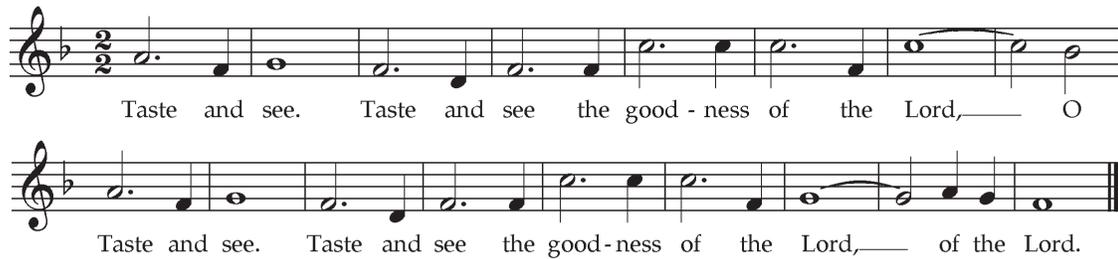
Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

Taste and see

James Moore (b. 1951)



Taste and see. Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, O

Taste and see. Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Healing

Healing Prayer is available during Holy Communion in a marked-off section of the Courtyard. All are welcome to participate.

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond Amen.

Hymn

Love astounding

Holy Manna

Love astounding, love confounding limits fearful minds impose.
Love renewing, love pursuing every heart until it knows
love's transforming, healing goodness, love's abiding, gentle grace,
love's endurance, love's assurance, love's consoling, strong embrace.

Love receiving, love believing, we rejoice with thanks and song.
Faith regaining, hope proclaiming; love has taught us, we belong
safe within love's tender keeping, safe from fear's persistent call.
Love defending, love unending, love of God enfolding all.

—Text: Jeannette M. Lindhold (b. 1961)

Dismissal

The cross,

We will take it.

The bread,

We will break it.

The pain,

We will bear it.

The joy,

We will share it.

The love,

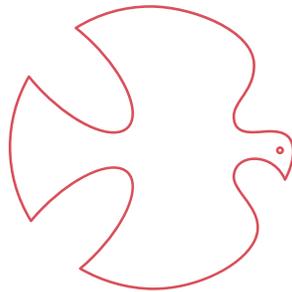
We will live it.

Now, let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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