

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 20, 2021

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE Come, now is the time to worship Brian Doerksen, 1998

OPENING HYMN O Praise ye the Lord, vv 1-2 (*words on last page*) Hymnal 432

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be the Life of God among us!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT II Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when brethren live together in unity!**
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head **that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, **and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon **that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: **life for evermore.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

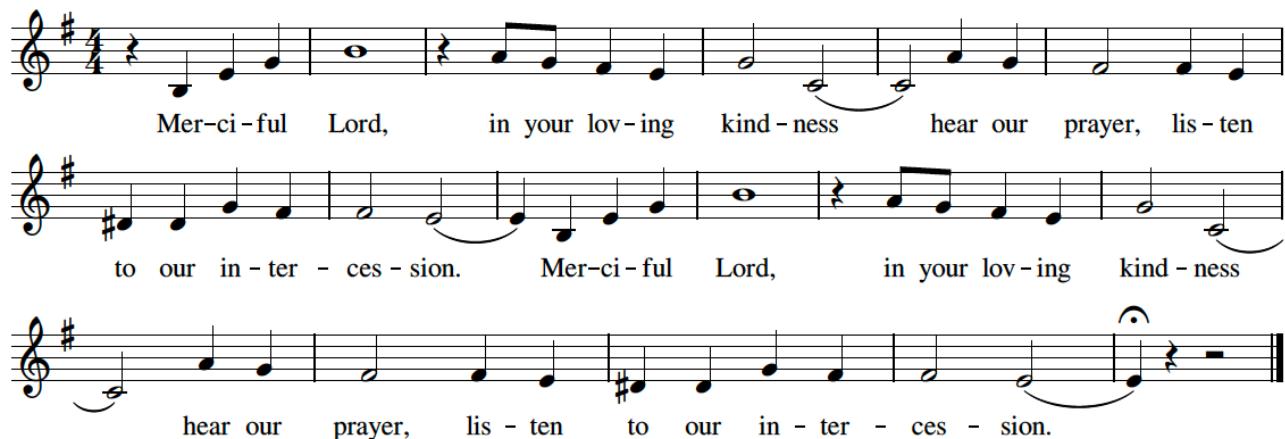
"Weathering the Storm"

The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG

Merciful Lord

David Peacock, 1995



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please stand or kneel.)*

Father, we thank you for *(every blessing we can name)*

Jesus, please bless... *(nations, people, communities, churches, ministers...)*

Holy Spirit, please give us... *(spiritual gifts to be God's agents in the world)*

CONFESSION

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution

THE PEACE *(Standing)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason,
and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust;
and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.
And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law,
to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Lord, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 to remember me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers, our Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN!

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Risen Lord: **Be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

THE COMMUNION

All present are welcome to the Altar rail for communion (bread only at present).

If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms for a blessing.

Those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I can hear your voice

Michael W. Smith, Debbie Smith,
Whitney Smith, 2002 Word Music, Inc.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Hear our praises (*words and music on last page*)

Reuben Morgan, 1999

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the power of the triune God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE PRAYERS

We Pray For: Those in need of healing – Marianne Wilburn, Jake and Sandy Mitchell, Duana Page, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Jane Hobbs, Garner Burroughs, Michelle, CeCe Cordelle-Carter, Carter, Becky Bolton Bridgett, Lou Demas

Those Who Have Died:

Birthdays: Jake Kamienski, 6/20; Karen Traggorth, 6/22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY - Short New Testament Letters - Wednesdays, 7pm

We're taught not to read other people's mail - unless we're talking about all those letters collected in our New Testament. What are they all about? Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Easter season as we explore them at Wednesday Bible Study - which draws a crowd from all over the US and Canada! You don't need to know anything coming in - and you'll be surprised at how much wisdom you can share. Hop in any Wednesday at 7 pm on Zoom; we're done in time for Night Prayers at 8 pm.

TENTS FOR THE HOMELESS – In these difficult times, many individuals and even families have lost housing and had to resort to living in encampments. We like to give tents, tarps and small propane canisters to people in need – please contact Deacon Joan to find out what kind of tents are needed.

SHARING OUR LIFE-SKILLS WITH YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE - The Charles County Dept of Social Services has invited us to create a program to build relationships and share life-skills with some of the most vulnerable adolescents in our community - teens in foster care and soon to age out. These young people need to know how to manage money, find and keep jobs and housing, eat economically and healthily, dress appropriately - skills that many of our kids learn naturally in our families. We can be extended family to these youths so they can emerge from the foster system productive, functional, grounded young adults - a win for the larger community as well as for the kids. Please let Rev. Kate know if you'd like to be a part of this as we build it - it will likely involve a monthly get-together, online at first.

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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

O praise ye the Lord vv. 1-2

Hymnal 432

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Eternal Father, strong to save

Hymnal 608

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
Thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

COMMUNION SONG

I can hear your voice

Michael W. Smith, Debbie Smith,
Whitney Smith, 2002 Word Music, Inc.

I'm in the river that flows from your throne.
Water of life, water of life.
It covers me, and I breathe again.
Your love is breath to my soul.

I can hear Your voice as You sing over me.
It's Your song of hope breathing life into me.
I can feel Your touch as I come close to You,
And it heals my heart. You restore and renew.

Repeat

1. May our homes be filled with danc - ing, may our streets
2. May a light shine in the dark - ness, as we walk

'be filled with joy, May in - jus - tice bow to Je
be - fore the cross; May Your glo - ry fill the whole

sus earth as the peo - ple turn to pray.
as the wa - ter o'er the seas.

From the moun - tain to the val - ley, hear our

prais - es rise to You; From the heav - ens

to the na - tions, hear our sing - ing fill the

air.