
✻ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✻

ORDER OF WORSHIP • AUGUST 25, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

PRELUDE

CLARINET SONATA IN E-FLAT, MVMT. 4

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ GATHERING HYMN

GATHER US IN

music is printed on a separate sheet

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ who calls, enlightens, and strengthens us to face the day.

All: Amen.

WL: Trusting in God's power to renew, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: Gracious God,

All: **We come to you seeking renewal. We have fallen short. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to walk in your way of love. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Renew your right Spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, that we may boldly and joyful serve you and our neighbors,**

WL: Brothers, sisters and siblings, our gracious God, with unfailing love, looks upon us with compassion and mercy. God knows our transgressions and loves us deeply. For the sake of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Let us walk boldly together as renewed and restored children of God, in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 29:11-19

R: Our first lesson on this Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the twenty-ninth chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read."

The Lord says:

"These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me
is based on merely human rules they have been taught.
Therefore once more I will astound these people
with wonder upon wonder;
the wisdom of the wise will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

Woe to those who go to great depths
to hide their plans from the Lord,
who do their work in darkness and think,
"Who sees us? Who will know?"

You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it,
"You did not make me"?
Can the pot say to the potter,
"You know nothing"?

In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field
and the fertile field seem like a forest?

In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll,
and out of gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind will see.

Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord;
the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

PSALM 14

R: The Second lesson is from the fourteenth psalm.

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind
to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.

All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Do all these evildoers know nothing?

They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on the Lord.

But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
for God is present in the company of the righteous.

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?
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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL MARK 7:1-13

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TODAY’S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!

TUNE: FESTAL SONG

- 1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**
- 2 Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**
- 3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**
- 4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC CLARINET SONATA IN E-FLAT, MVMT. 2
CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WL: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD
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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

✝ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

✝ SENDING HYMN SAVIOR, AGAIN TO YOUR DEAR NAME LBW #262

✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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