

August 30, 2020 ~ Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: No. 283 – “Come, O Holy Spirit”

Come, O Holy Spirit, come;
Come, almighty Spirit, come;
Come, come, come.

Wa wa wa Emimimo;
Wa wa wa Alagbara;
Wao, wao, wao.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God of mystery,
You called Ananias by name, and he responded,
“Here I am.”
You called Paul to the work of your Church, and he responded
By giving his life to your Word.
Similarly, you call us into community and faith,
So we respond with love and time, energy and hope.
We respond with worship.
Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.
Amen.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 15 – “All Creatures of Our God and King” v. 1,
3-4, 6

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, now all siblings, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

God of new life,
What would we give to have you appear with a flash of light and a clear
voice like you did for Saul?

Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.

Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.

However, when our lives depend on faith, we forget your surprising grace. Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends, who's in and who's out.

We see the "other," faster than we see our "neighbor," and refuse second chances.

Pull the scales from our eyes.

Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live, and forgive us when we fail to. Humbly we pray...

Time for Silent Confession

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 57 – "Tremble, O Tremble" v. 5

Tremble, O tremble!

Our God forgives, and yet our sin must be set right at last.

O Holy One!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-20

SERMON: "The Unraveled Journey"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 737 – "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:

you alone are our life and our peace and our love.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND WELCOME TO KATE
HOFFMEYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: No. 692 – "Spirit, Open My Heart" - refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: No. 726 – "Will You Come and Follow Me"

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 291 – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

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