

July 5, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE: "God Leads Us Along", George Young/arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

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

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:

When we come to this space, we bring all of ourselves.

We bring joy and hope,

dreams and prayers,

grief and doubt,

memories and heartache.

God meets us here.

God hears our prayers and sees our scars.

With open hearts and authenticity, Let us worship good and gracious God. Amen.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 645 – "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

**God of creation,
Humanity is capable of such evil.
Stories in scripture alongside stories on the news
remind us of that truth all the time.
For the moments when we choose violence over peace, exclusion over
inclusion, and fear over hope—forgive us.
When we choose pride over what is right, and comfort over justice— Show
us mercy.
And when we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy— Unravel us,
for we long to be changed.**

Gratefully 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 3:7, 21-1:14

SERMON: “Voices Long Silenced”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 787 – “God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn”

God weeps with us who weep and mourn;
God’s tears flow down with ours,
and God’s own heart is bruised and worn
from all the heavy hours
of watching while the soul’s bright fire
burned lower day by day,
and pulse and breath and love’s desire
dimmed down to ash and clay.

Through tears and sorrow, God, we share
a sense of your vast grief:
the weight of bearing every prayer
for healing and relief,
the burden of our questions why,
the doubts that they engage,
and as our friends and loved ones die,

our hopelessness and rage.

And yet because, like us, you weep,
we trust you will receive
and in your tender heart will keep
the ones for whom we grieve,
while with your tears our hearts will taste
the deep, dear core of things
from which both life and death are graced
by love's renewing springs.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**I believe in God, the Great Sewer—
Who weaves us together in community,
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.
I believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.
And I believe in Jesus Christ—
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to
disregard anyone as scrap.
I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.
I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.
I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics, She is
designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.
And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love, And to invite me
into a new journey.
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

COMMUNION

The image shows a musical score for a communion service. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Minister/Leader and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Minister/Leader and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Minister/Leader, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The score is marked with a square symbol above the first staff and "S3" at the end of the first staff.

Isa. 6:3, Rev. 4:8; Ps. 118:25-26

S4



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



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

FINAL HYMN: No. 769 – “For Everyone Born”

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

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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