HOLY COMMUNION: Setting Four, June 14, 2020 – modified

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Song:

Care and Share God's Love

(Melody: The Wheels on the Bus)

The Love of God goes on and on, on and on, on and on. The Love of God goes on and on. God loves us all the time.

The Love of God is to care and share, care and share, care and share. The Love of God is to care and share, to care and share all the time.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - responsive

A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,
- C We confess to you, Lord.
- A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,
- C We confess to you, Lord. For our injustices toward others – those we know and those we don't know,
- C We confess to you, Lord.
- A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,
- C We confess to you, Lord.

- A In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

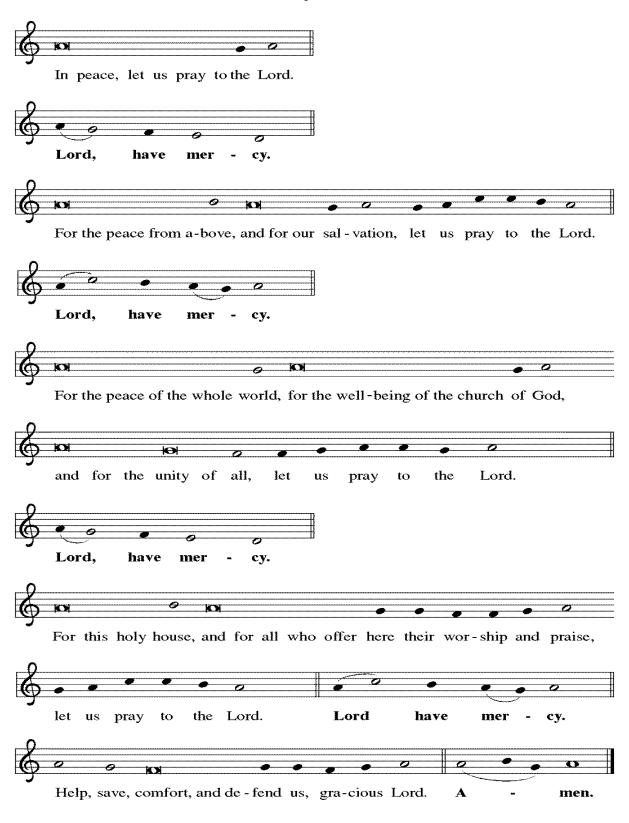
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

KYRIE (following)

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Kyrie



(Assisting Minister) PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GOD'S WORD

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:13 - 10:8

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The reading is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church. the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Assisting Minister) PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – June 14, 2020

Faithful God, you are the Great Physician in all of our lives. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, healing all who are sick with this virus. Give courage and strength to all of us through this time. Lord in Your Mercy...**Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, lead our President and Congress towards reconciliation and mutual collaboration for the good of our country's future as 'one nation under God'. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, continue to equip our church council, our church committees and the whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of Your Church. Lord in Your Mercy... Hear Our Prayer.

Faithful God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in our church bulletin prayer list and those we lift up this morning, either silently or out loud... Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Faithful God, hear the prayers of your people today and always. Amen!

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

<u>MEAL</u>

(Assisting Minister) OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsive)

- A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you. Here is food! Here is drink! These things are yours before they are ours. Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving: God, we are thanking you. With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven, O God, we thank you and rejoice. This food - we shall eat it in your honor! This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!
 A We thank you for giving us life.
- C We thank you for givin
- A We thank you for giving us freedom.
- C We thank you!
- A We thank you for bringing us peace.
- C We thank you!
- A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.
- C We thank you!
- A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.
- C We thank you!
- A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness. With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body. Give us true communion with your Son.

- P On the night of his suffering, he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands. This bread he shared among his followers, saying: 'All of you, take this, eat this; it is my body, handed over for you. Do this and remember me.'
- C The body of Christ! Amen.
- P Then he shared drink with them, saying:
 'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.
 This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'
- C The blood of Christ! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is prepared. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace. **Amen.**

(Assisting Minister) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,

in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Shine, Jesus, Shine

REFRAIN

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

 Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, Shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me;

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Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

DISMISSAL Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE