

HOLY COMMUNION: *Setting Four, July 12, 2020*

6th Sunday after Pentecost - *modified*

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:

Blind Man

Blind man stood by the road and he cried (clap, clap)
Blind man stood by the road and he cried (clap, clap)
Blind man stood by the road and he cried (clap, clap)
He cried, Oooo.... Show me the way, Show me the way,
Show me the way, the way to go home!

Woman sits by the well and she cries (clap, clap)
Woman sits by the well and she cries (clap, clap)
Woman sits by the well and she cries (clap, clap)
She cries, Oooo... Show me the truth, Show me the truth,
Show me the truth, the way to go home!

We all stand by the road and we cry (clap, clap)
We all stand by the road and we cry (clap, clap)
We all stand by the road and we cry (clap, clap)
We cry, Oooo... Show us the life, show us the life,
Show us the life, the way to go home!

Jesus stands by the road and replies (clap, clap)
Jesus stands by the road and replies (clap, clap)
Jesus stands by the road and replies (clap, clap)
I am the Way, I am the Truth,
I am the Life, The Way to go home!

Jesus! (clap, clap, clap...)
Jesus! (clap, clap, clap...)
Jesus! (clap, clap, clap...)
He cried, Oooo... I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life,
The Way to go home. Jesus!

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*)

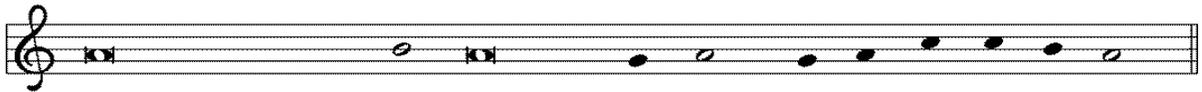
Kyrie



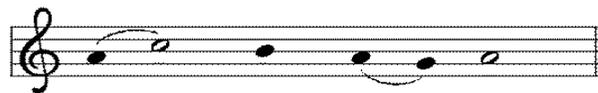
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



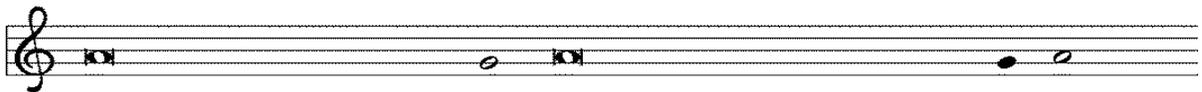
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



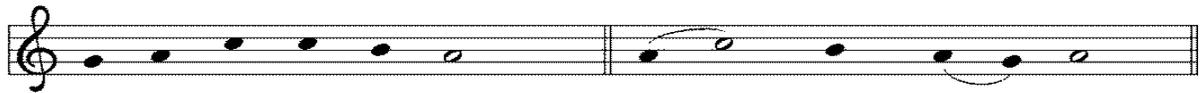
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GOD'S WORD

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 for July 12, 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.

MEAL

(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!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC – *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
(Played in memory of Joanne Anderson)

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!

1. 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;

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE