Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



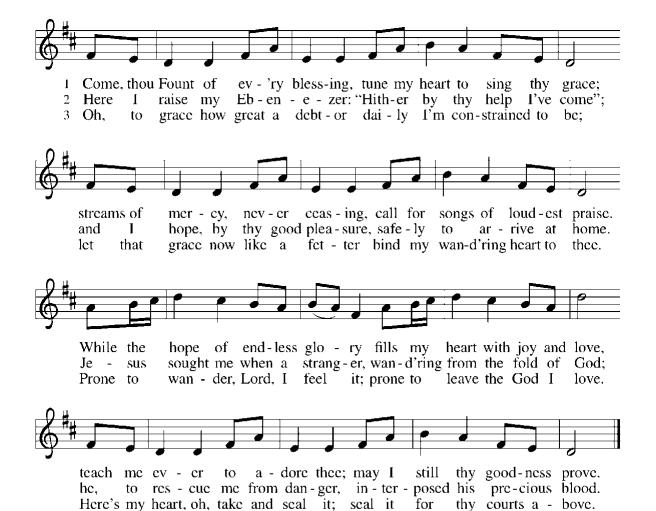
PRELUDE When Peace Like a River arr. John Ness Beck
(on organ)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**





Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We long to live as God's people, yet in the very depths of our lives, we know how we have hurt those around us, through words and actions, as well as from indifference. But God hears us when we call, and answers with the grace we need. Let us pray together, as we confess our lives to our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: How you must grieve over us, God of all.
- C: You give us blessings to share with others, but we hoard everything for ourselves. You look for us to join you in serving the most vulnerable, but find us worshiping the wealthy and powerful. You offer us joy and wonder to embrace, but we continue to cling to weapons and things. Have mercy on us, Anointing God, as you pour your forgiveness into our foolish lives. Plant the seeds of grace, hope, love, and peace in us, so we may blossom and share all these gifts with everyone we meet. We pray this in the name of lesus. Amen
- P: God's love is not logical and always understandable, for God forgives those we never would and welcomes those we continue to ignore.
- C: This is the One who have mercy on everyone, pouring grace and joy into everyone, including us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
 - ~ Please share a sign of peace with those around you

FIRST READING Job 38:1-11

The first reading is from Job, the 38th chapter...

And now, finally, God answered Job from the eye of a violent storm. He said:

"Why do you confuse the issue? Why do you talk without knowing what you're talking about? Pull yourself together, Job! Up on your feet! Stand tall! I have some questions for you, and I want some straight answers. Where were you when I created the earth? Tell me, since you know so much! Who decided on its size? Certainly you'll know that! Who came up with the blueprints and measurements? How was its foundation poured, and who set the cornerstone, While the morning stars sang in chorus and all the angels shouted praise? And who took charge of the ocean when it gushed forth like a baby from the womb? That was me! I wrapped it in soft clouds, and tucked it in safely at night. Then I made a playpen for it, a strong playpen so it couldn't run loose, And said, 'Stay here, this is your place.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Psalm 107 will be read responsively.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,

for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

Your wild tantrums are confined to this place.'

³gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;

their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

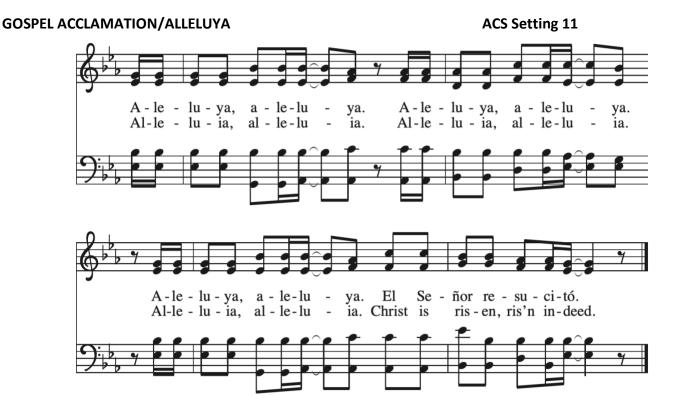
²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love

and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!



THE GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

The holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 4th chapter... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" *Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Scott Zimmerer

MESSAGE Rev. Emily Ebert

HYMN Don't Be Afraid ACS 1027 (sung 2x)



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958-2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: We join together in prayer before God, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Your mercy endures forever."

A brief silence.

- A: O God of our salvation, we praise you for your continual mercy to the church. Hold the ark of the church in your loving hand, give our leaders endurance through all manner of hardship, and guide us in the way that we should go.
 - O Lord of our life, receive our prayers: Your mercy endures forever.
- A: At this time of the summer solstice, we praise you for the magnificence of nature. Hold the cosmos in your loving hand. Inspire us to care for your wonderful works seen in ocean deeps, in lakes, in rivers, and in wells.
 - O Star of our night, receive our prayers: Your mercy endures forever.
- A: We praise you for the good that we receive in this nation. Purge from us prejudice against those who differ from us in any way. On this World Refugee Day, we pray that refugees travel in safety and reach the promise of a better life for their families.
 - O Hope of every nation, receive our prayers: Your mercy endures forever.
- A: We praise you for the loving support of fathers to their children. Bless fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, godfathers, and all of each gender who give fatherly care. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot father a child. Wherever children are deprived of fathers, provide responsible and affectionate care.

Eternal Father, strong to save, receive our prayers: Your mercy endures forever.

A: We praise you for the lessening of the pandemic, and we pray for all around the globe who continue to face the coronavirus. Open wide our hearts to all who suffer. Send healing to any who are sick, especially those we name here before you. . . .

Rock of ages, receive our prayers: Your mercy endures forever.

A: We praise you for all who died in the faith, especially the Emanuel Nine whose martyrdom the ELCA commemorated this week, and those we name in our hearts. We ask that at our end you unite us with all saints into your presence.

O Harbor in every storm, receive our prayers: Your mercy endures forever.

P: We praise you for your steadfast love, and we lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Peace Be Still

Anthony Giamanco

Denise Riley, soloist

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life; in hope, we bind ourselves to those who live in despair; in peace, we bind ourselves to all damaged by violence and hate; in gratitude, we offer our gifts and bind ourselves to you, O God, in the work of justice, love, and wonder as you build your community in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~Spoken

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P: We come to this table singing Holy, Holy, Holy. These are words of praise and words of resistance. We sing praises to you O, God, turning away from the things that would separate us from your love, and choosing to turn our hearts and minds towards all the things that would breathe new life into our world. We give you thanks for this meal, which offers new life to each of our hearts, and to our heart that beats as a community in Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

C: Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.*

C: Do this in remembrance of me.

P: Here in this place of gentleness, here at the table of goodness and grace, pour out your Spirit, Eternal Love, upon the gifts of creation made holy for us, and upon all your children. In receiving this bread and wine, may we be made whole once again. In the joy of this meal, may we be renewed in our calling to justice and

righteousness, so we might go forth to be companions for all those who have lost their way. In the spirit of renewal, let us pray together as we have been taught:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, receive the bread of new life! Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. If you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you: **The body of Christ given for you. And the blood of Christ shed for you.**





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

→ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763



- 1 My life flows on in end less song; a bove earth's lam-en ta tion,
- 2 Through all the tu mult and the strife,
 - I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Son of God, Eternal Savior

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(on organ)

The eternal candle for the month of June is sponsored Kristin Humphreys and Virginia Altman in memory of Thomas J. Altman.

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