**THE SERVICE WITHOUT COMMUNION: Pentecost 3, June 21, 2020, Year A**

**PREPARATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN – LHS 528 Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

**1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,**

**Christ, the true, the only light,**

**Sun of righteousness, arise,**

**Triumph o’er the shades of night;**

**Dayspring from on high, be near;**

**Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn**

**Unaccompanied by Thee;**

**Joyless is the day’s return,**

**Till Thy mercy’s beams I see;**

**Till Thou inward light impart,**

**Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,**

**Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;**

**Fill me, radiancy divine,**

**Scatter all my unbelief.**

**More and more Thyself display,**

**Shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE**

Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to

confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to

forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**He made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature

we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by

thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite

mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Most merciful God,**

**you have given your only Son to die for us.**

**Have mercy on us,**

**and for his sake**

**grant us forgiveness of all our sins.**

**By your Holy Spirit**

**increase our knowledge of you and your will,**

**and make us obedient to your word,**

**so that by your grace**

**we may come to eternal life;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given

his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To

those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children

of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is

baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**Amen.**

**Psalm 86:1-10,16,17**    John Goss *(after J. Clarke)*

Turn your ear to me O Lord and answer me:

for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my life for I am faithful:

my God save your servant for I put my trust in you.

Be merciful to me O Lord:

for I call to you all the day long.

Gladden the heart of your servant:

for to you Lord I lift up my soul.

For you Lord are good and forgiving:

and of great mercy to all who call upon you.

Give heed O Lord to my prayer:

and listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my distress I will call:

and surely you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you O Lord:

nor can the deeds of any be compared with yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you:

and they shall glorify your name.

For your are great, and do marvellous things:

truly you alone are God.

Turn to me then and have mercy,

give your strength to your servant:

and save the son of your handmaid.

Give me a sign of your favour,

that those who hate me may see it, and be put to shame:

because you Lord have been my help and my comfort.

Glory to the Father and the Son:

And the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning is now:

And shall be forever more. Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

Kyrie eleison, **Lord have mercy**

Christe Eleison, **Christ have mercy**

Kyrie eleison, **Lord have mercy**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Glory to God in the highest.

**And on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, ee give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your government, that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING –** [**Jeremiah**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+20%3A7-13&version=NIV) **20:7-13** Jeremiah denounces his persecutors

Hear the Word of the Lord as it is written in the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 20, beginning at verse 7.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name’,
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering:
‘Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. ‘Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.’ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  therefore my persecutors will stumble,
 and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy
   from the hands of evildoers.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING - Romans 6:1-8** Dead to sin, but alive to Christ

Hear the Word of the Lord as it is written in St Paul’s letter to the Romans, chapter 6, beginning at verse 1.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL - Matthew 10:24-39** Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ

Hear the Gospel of the Lord as it is written in the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 10, beginning at verse 24.

Jesus says, ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**CHOIR MOTET - Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake** - R Farrant/J Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake

Lay not our sins to our charge,

but forgive that is past,

and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:

to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,

that we walk in a perfect heart,

that we may walk in a perfect heart

before thee now and ever more.

That we may walk in a perfect heart,

that we may walk in a perfect heart

before thee now and ever more.

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**CHILDREN’S ADDRESS** - Pastor Fraser Pearce

**HYMN – LHS 277 Baptised into Thy name (v 1,2,3,6)**

**1 Baptized into Thy name most holy,**

**O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**

**I claim a place, though weak and lowly,**

**Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host;**

**Buried with Christ, and dead to sin,**

**Thy Spirit now shall live within.**

**2 My loving Father, Thou hast sought me,**

**Made me Thine own, Thy child and heir;**

**My faithful Saviour, Thou hast bought me**

**With pain and sorrow Thou didst bear;**

**O Holy Ghost, Thy power divine**

**Has given new life and made me Thine.**

**3 And I have vowed to fear and love Thee,**

**And to obey Thee, Lord, alone;**

**Led by Thy Spirit, who didst move me,**

**I dared to pledge myself Thine own,**

**Renouncing sin to keep the faith**

**And war with evil unto death.**

**6 Now strengthen me in this endeavour,**

**O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;**

**Uphold me in Thy covenant ever,**

**Until I join the heavenly host.**

**To Thee I live, to Thee I die,**

**And praise Thee evermore on high.**

Ich bin getauft auf deinen Namen,

Johann Jakob Rambach (1693-1735)

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858/1863

**SERMON** - Pastor Fraser Pearce

**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 Spirit,**

**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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,**

**from thence 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**

**HYMN – LHS 300 Let me be Thine forever**

**1 Let me be Thine for ever,**

**Thou faithful God and Lord;**

**Let me forsake Thee never**

**Nor wander from Thy Word.**

**Lord, do not let me waver,**

**But give me steadfastness,**

**And for such grace for ever**

**Thy holy name I’ll bless.**

**2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,**

**My light, my life divine,**

**My only consolation,**

**O make me wholly Thine;**

**For Thou has dearly bought me**

**With blood and bitter pain.**

**Let me, since Thou hast sought me,**

**Eternal life obtain.**

**3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit,**

**My Comforter and guide,**

**Grant that in Jesus’ merit**

**I always may confide;**

**Him to the end confessing**

**Whom I have known by faith,**

**Give me Thy constant blessing,**

**And grant a Christian death.**

Lass mich dein sein und bleiben

St.1: Nikolaus Selnecker (1530-1592)

Sts. 2,3: ‘Rudolstadt Gesangbuch’, 1688

Tr. Matthias Loy, 1863

Revised, 'Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book’ (St. Louis), 1912

**OFFERTORY**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,**

**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,**

**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Heavenly Father, bless your church and the work you have called it to do. Take away our fear of those who can only kill the body, and help us to fear, love and trust you above all things. Send us your Holy Spirit so that what we hear whispered may be proclaimed from the housetops.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for Christians around the world who are severely persecuted for acknowledging you. Thank you that even the very hairs of their head are all numbered, and please strengthen and encourage them as they remain faithful even unto death.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for all schools and other places of learning, especially schools in our city. Bless the work of teachers and other staff members and strengthen them in their special calling. Use them to prepare our young people to face the world with wisdom and confidence.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We ask you to bless our agriculture, fishing, forestry and all other primary industries. When times are difficult, we place our trust in you and ask you to hear our prayers and answer our need. We thank you for rain and sunshine, and we pray that you would continue to send rain when and where it's needed.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Protect all those who are starving, malnourished and in poverty, both overseas and in this country. Give us hearts to share compassionately from our abundance to help provide for our brothers and sisters in need.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless our government and all in authority. Use our elected leaders to promote goodness, justice and truth. As you have appointed us to be stewards of the earth, help our nation to wisely manage the environment and prevent the degradation of land and water ways.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Be with all we know who have particular needs, especially (insert names). We pray for those who are entering hospital or recovering from treatment – help them to acknowledge your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We trust in your mercy, Lord, and put all our concerns into your hands. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour,† and give

you peace. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HYMN – LHS 430 From all that dwell below the skies**

**1 From all that dwell below the skies**

**Let the Creator’s praise arise:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer’s name be sung**

**Through every land, by every tongue.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;**

**Eternal truth attends Thy word:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore**

**Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)