

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 6, 2020



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 233

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Lector A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month, they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Lector A reading from Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Officiant As God's people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.**

Reader Let us pray for the church and the world.

God of love, guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace. As our lives are closely linked, may we serve Christ in one another, and love one another as you love us. We pray for Daniel Prude and Jacob Blake and their families, and we implore you, O God, to heal us, protect us, and forge in us the unity and faith to end racism.

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader God of love, protect those committed to serving our communities, including first responders, all who govern, and those who care for the sick throughout the current pandemic, including: *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Grob, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Ryan Tyler, Anna VanToai, Erika Warner, Stephen Wilbert,* and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader God of love, give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use and tend it rightly. We pray especially for those affected by hurricane season and the California wildfires.

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader God of love, encourage and strengthen those to whom you have given the gifts of teaching, as they approach a school year amidst extraordinary challenges. Inspire students who seek a deeper knowledge of you and all of your creation, including themselves. Come alongside young adults who chart their way in a strange world. Fortify parents with a constant sense of your presence and of the loving community that surrounds them.

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader God of love, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for *Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Barbara Baseley, Booker, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Marcus England, Vincent Faust, Dan Fead, Hope Hoffman, Lauren Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Alisa LeDuc, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Joe Miller, Jonathon Moon, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shably, Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Warren Webb, Megan White,* and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader God of love, we rejoice with Sally LePla and Brian Collins, who were married in Canada on August 22nd, and we celebrate those who have birthdays this week, especially *Sarah Davis, Andrew Fleming, Anne Hughes, Patricia O'Brien, Carolyn Maher*, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader God of love, we commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that your justice and peace will reign on earth as in heaven. We pray for Trayford Pellerin, Anthony Huber, Joseph Rosenbaum, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all victims of racial violence, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Living Prayer

by Ron Block (for Alison Krauss)

In this world I walk alone
With no place to call my home.
But there's one who holds my hand
On the rugged road through barren lands.

The way is dark, and the road is steep
But He's become my eyes to see,
The strength to climb, my griefs to bear.
The Savior lives inside me there.

*In Your love I find release,
A haven from my unbelief.
Take my life and let me be
A living prayer, my God to Thee.*

In these trials of life I find
Another voice inside my mind.
He comforts me and bids me live
Inside the love the Father gives.

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

Officiant In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

All **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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, for ever and ever. Amen**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)

Officiant Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Refrain

Je - su Je - su fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor,
3. These are the ones we should serve,
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
Neigh - bors are black and white,
These are the ones we should love.
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet,
Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
Neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
All are neigh - bors to us and you.
This is the way we should live with you.

D.C.

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

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