

June 13, 2021 – Third after Pentecost

Celebrant & Preacher

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Open the Eyes of my Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you

I want to see you (sing two times)

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see you

I want to see you (sing two times)

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You. (sing four times)

Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Collect

Lord of the misfit,
Whose prophets came
Like weeds to an ordered garden,
Shaking all that deadens your love:
Give us faith in your kingdom's growth,
Unruly and exuberant
And let it be a shelter
Wide enough for all;
Through Jesus Christ, our teacher.
Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

MARK 4:26-34

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Silence

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God,

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us lift our voices saying:

Make known your glory.

Confession & Invitation

Forgiving God, you prepare a place for us;

We refuse your invitation.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Your table is open to all;

We keep it for ourselves.

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Your welcome is wild;

We are caged by fear.

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion.

Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear.

Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

May this peace be in us and among us,

A sign of hope for a world renewed.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And their righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you

Allelu Alleluia

**Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia
(instrumental)**

**You shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu Alleluia**

**And if the Son shall set you free
You Shall be free indeed
You Shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free
Allelu Alleluia
(instrumental)**

**Trust in the Lord, with all your heart
The Lord will direct your path
In all your ways, acknowledge them
Allelu Alleluia**

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And Their righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
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Allelu Alleluia**

Eucharistic Prayer

**The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lifegiving God,
Your word speaks in the void,
Calling into being things that are not,
Inviting us to share
Your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long
Of gathering stars
And cooling earth,
Of life evolving
And waking eyes of wonder.

We thank you for the creatures
With whom we share the world
For their lives
So different from our own
And the richness they reveal.

We thank you for the Son of Man,
Formed from Mary's flesh
And nurtured by her faith;
He walked the growing earth
And proclaimed a fearless kingdom
Of bird and lily,
Child and stranger,
The beggar and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labour
Of all creation's yearning;
In his rising, he hallowed all flesh
To bear the glory of God;
He gives the brooding Spirit
To bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that has life through him
With animals and angels
And all who hope
For a new creation,
We share the song of love
Which sounds from all eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We ask that your Holy Spirit
Will fall upon us and upon these gifts
That these fragile, earthly things
May be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother,
Jesus Christ;
Who, on the night that he was betrayed,
Gathered with his faltering friends
For a meal that tasted of freedom.
Calling them to his table,
He took break, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'
As on that night, so here and now
He offers himself in touch and taste
Beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Therefore, we come to him
In whom all is created
In heaven and on earth,
Whose cross and resurrection
Make all things new.

We offer this to you,
Asking you to smile
Upon the gift we bring,
For you alone are the Giver
And Christ's the gift
Through which we live
Once and for all.

Through him who was emptied
To bear your fullness
We make our prayer
With all created life
To the glory of the God who fills all in all
Now and for ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread #2

We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Jesus Feed Us

**Again and again and again, To this table we come
Once a people estranged, Now as one in your name
In your mercy and grace, Forgiven of what we've confessed
By your body and blood, One last thing we request**

Refrain

**To you we pray Jesus feed us
Feed us Jesus
Feed us Jesus
With your healing love**

**Again and again and again, To this table we come
Once a people estranged, Now as one in your name
In your mercy and grace, Forgiven of what we've confessed
By your body and blood, One last thing we request**

**REFRAIN
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*Creator God,
May we who have fed at Wisdom's table
Take her welcome out
To where tables are reserved
And doors are closed;
May the Spirit drive us
To break our bread
On the altar of the world. Amen.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: We Will Not be Silent

Out of the deep you lift us; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
Safe from our enemies; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
And when we call for mercy; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
You save us from the grave; **Lord we praise your Holy Name; And**

We Will Not Be Silent; We Will Not Be Silent
We Will Not Be Silent; Lord we praise your Holy Name Oh
We Will Not Be Silent; We Will Not Be Silent
We Will Not Be Silent; Lord we praise your Holy Name

Your anger lasts a moment; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
But your favour lasts for life; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
With the morning come rejoicing; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
Though we weep all through the night; **Lord we praise your Holy Name;**
And

Refrain

Lord to you we call for mercy; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
If we fall where is the gain; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
For as dust we cannot praise you; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
Nor your faithfulness proclaim; **Lord we praise your Holy Name; And**

Refrain

From weeping into dancing; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
From sorrow into joy; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
Lord our hearts will not be silent; **Lord we praise your Holy Name**
We'll praise you forever more; **Lord we praise your Holy Name; And**

Refrain