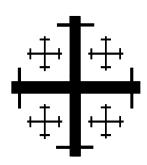
Pentecost IV

16 June, 2024

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account

seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Prelude Nun bitten den heiligen Geist Chorale by Hermann Schroeder, 1904-1984

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

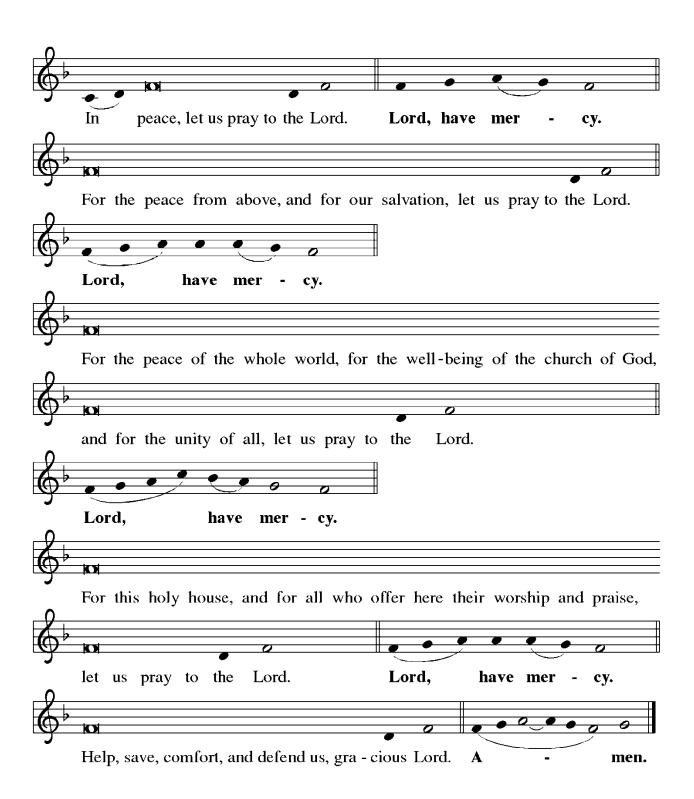
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ▶ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

God, Whose Almighty Word



Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.







P Let us pray... All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated for today's scripture readings
First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus 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.

²³On 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.

²⁴All 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.

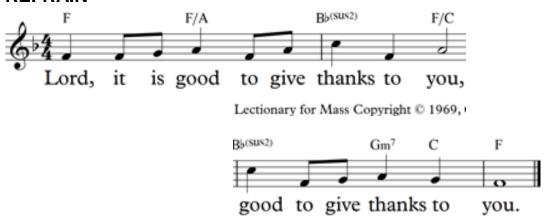
I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92 John Foley, SJ Cantor/Choir sing REFRAIN, all echo and sing ff. verses

REFRAIN



- 1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, making psalms to your name, O Most High: and proclaiming your mercy at morning and your truth through the reaches of night.
 REFRAIN
- 2. With the music of lute and of harp, with the tunes of the lyre will we sing. By your labors, O God, you give us gladness; in the deeds of your hands we rejoice.

 REFRAIN
- **3.** Like a palm tree the righteous shall thrive; like the cedars of Lebanon, grow. In the house of their God they are planted, in the courts of their Lord do they bloom. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

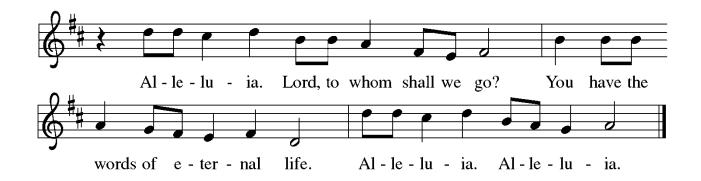
⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[11Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] 14For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter

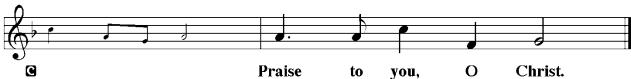


²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground," and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

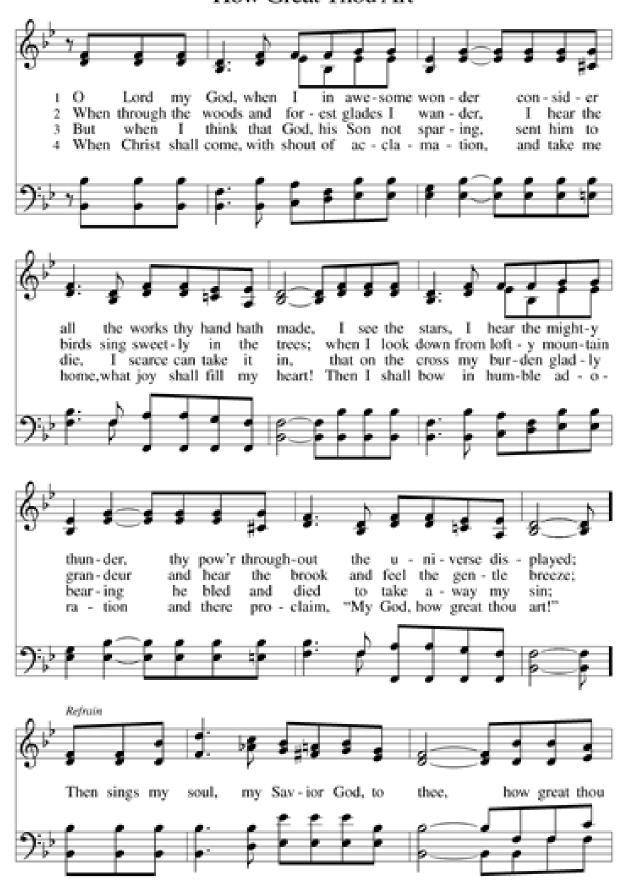


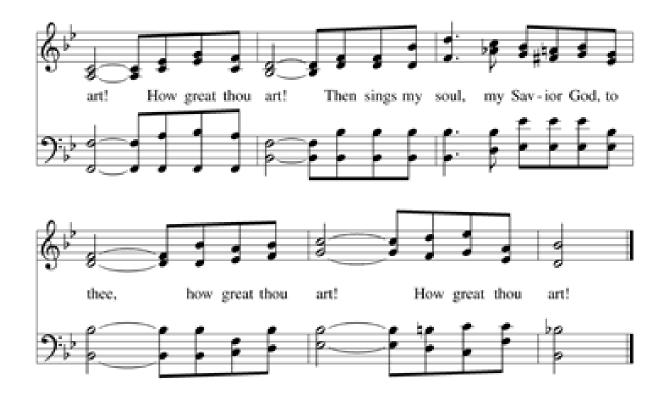


Sermon Pr Phil



How Great Thou Art





A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
 - after each prayer petition
- A Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.
 - concluding with
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

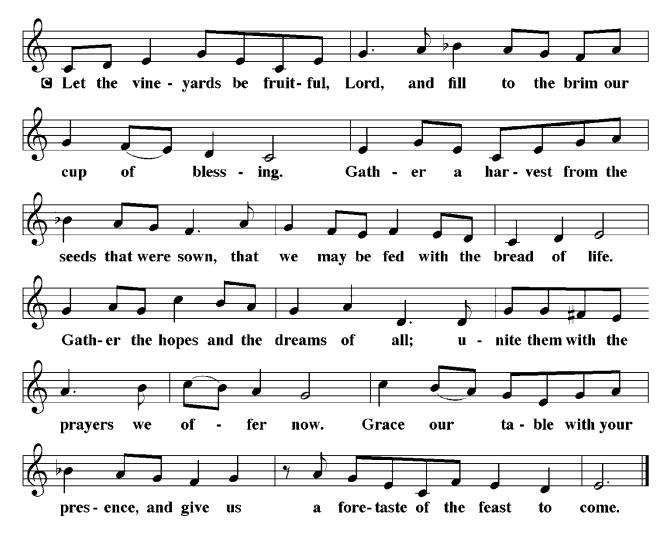
Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
(Simple Gifts Medley)
Conrad Kocher & Joseph Brackett
Arr. by Rebecca Belliston
Duet: Katie Beckman, Alto
Phil Beckman, Tenor

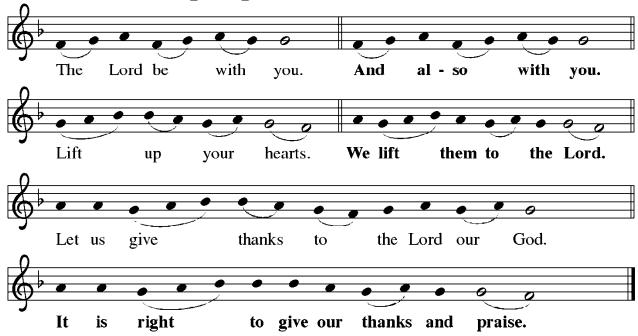


Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



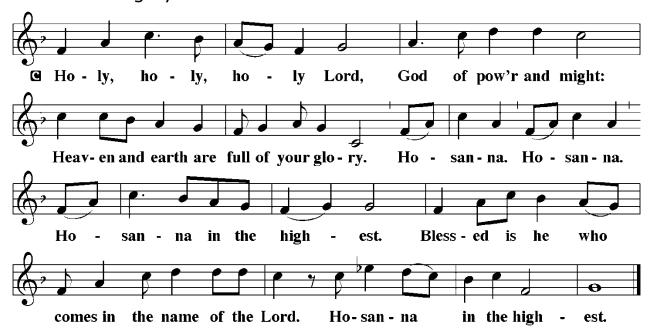
- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

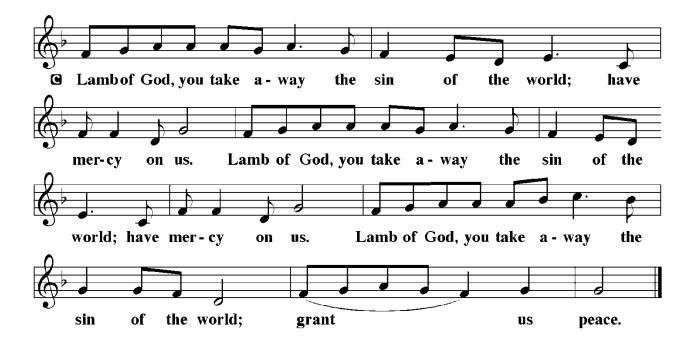
And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- 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, forever and ever. Amen
- P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.





Holy Communion

In-Person: All are welcome to commune

at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home:

If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion.

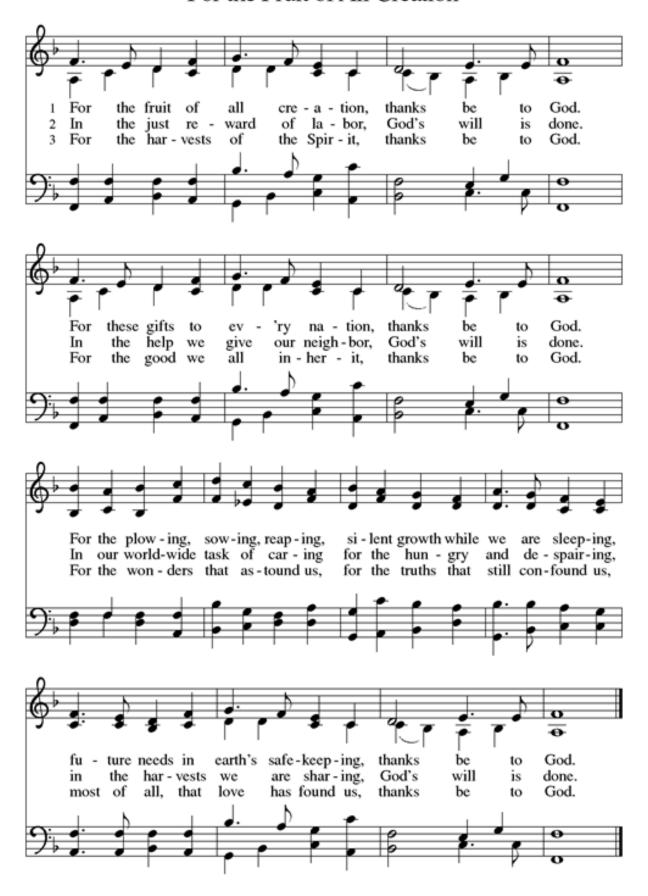
Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

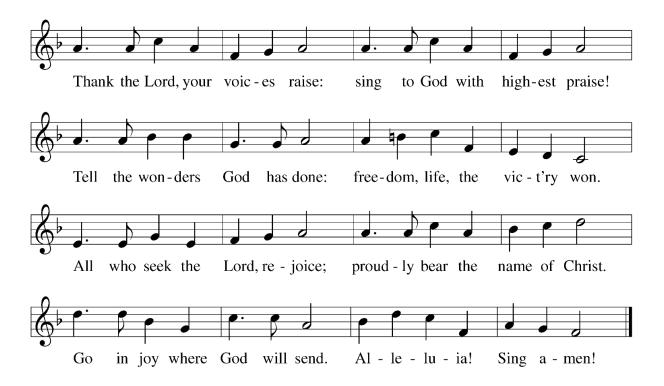


For the Fruit of All Creation



P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen



Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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- A Let us pray... 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.
- **C** Amen [8:00am] Blessing of those attending confirmation camp.

C Amen

Build Us Up, Lord





Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956, and Donna Hanna, b. 1952 Music: BUILD US UP, Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna Text and crusic (1, 2003 Augustus Entered)

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt. Music: Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Tune: Pentecost, African American Spiritual
Setting, David Gale, b. 1962
(Music gifted by the Moxleys)

Upcoming Commemorations

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015 Monday, June 17, 2024

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a selfprofessed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 Friday, June 21, 2024

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
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Assist. Minister	Troy Mennis	Bob Van Geem
Ushers & Greeters	Jeff Goodwin	Tammy & Katherine
	Don Acker	Tyrone and Eddie & Val
		Wilkerson

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