



TIME AFTER PENTECOST
October 4, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543/1

J. S. BACH

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

MUSIC FOR CENTERING

It Is Well with My Soul

HYMN 785

Refrain

It is well with my soul,

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse on next page...

Verse My sin oh, the bliss of this glo - - ri - ous

thought: My sin, not in part but the whole, Is

nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the community of God and each other.

Pause to reflect on sin and confess from within.

O God, hear the cry of your people.

There are days when the storms threaten to break over us, and the waves seems relentless. Our hearts falter, and our spirits are weak. Disasters of our own making make us weary, and we confess that we cannot do this alone.

Sung refrain

O God, hear the lament of your people.

Where the poor cry for mercy, we turn a blind eye.

Where the lonely reach out a hand, we so often withdraw our own.

Where justice begs to be spoken, we stay quiet in our own comfort.

And though you promised to be with us on rough water, we forget and cling to other shores.

Sung refrain

O God, hear the cry of your people.

Forgive us our sin, strengthen our hearts, open our eyes that we may boldly step into the call of your Holy Spirit; To shine in dark spaces; Speak out for the ostracized; And stand firm when the gusty winds of this world prevail.

People of God take heart, and have no fear. The anchor holds when the storms are cruel. Your way is never all alone. Here these words: *the sin that weighs you down is no more! You are forgiven in the name of Jesus, the very one who stands with you; in this life and in all that is to come. Rejoice greatly and rest in Christ's never-ending love for you.*

Sung verse

It is well

It is well

With my soul

With my soul

It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Beloved God,

from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 80

The Vineyard of the Lord

K. KEIL

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song; 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.

Refrain

Ord. Time The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el. The
vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.

Verses A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. **Refrain.**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
the boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? **Refrain.**

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted,
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **Refrain.**

LESSON

Sarah Jessop Street, Lector

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

HYMN 174

Refrain sung at beginning of song. Verse sung by cantor.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses Speak, lord you servant is list'ning. Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are ever lasting life. **Refrain.**

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death,
revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Frank Blaha

SERMON

Pastor Frank Espegren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Rebekah Turnbaugh

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

*In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide
for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings.
You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship
service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the
secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's
General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make
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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ombra Mai Fu

G. F. HANDEL

Daniel Paulson, Tenor Soloist

Italian

*Ombra mai fu di vegetabile
cara ed amabile, soave più*

English

*Never was a shade of any plant
dearer and more lovely or more sweet*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love,

we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and Holy Spirit, be honor and glory. 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. 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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

All You Works of God

M. HAUGEN

Refrain

All you works of God, ev-'ry moun-tain, star and tree, bless the One
who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to
be one great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er
new. Raise your voic - es, all you works of God!

Verses

Solo: 1. Sun and moon: Stars of heav - en:
2. Winds of God: Cold and win - ter:
3. Night and day: Light and dark - ness:
4. All the earth: Bless your Mak - er! Hills and moun-tains:
All: Show - ers and dew:
Snow - storms and ice:
Light - nings and clouds:
Green things that grow:
Chant your praise!
All: Raise up your joy - ful song. **D.C.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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