

TIME AFTER PENTECOST June 28, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

In Festo Pentecostes (from L'Orgue Mystique, Op. 56, no. 25)

C. Tournemire

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ died to save all people so that we might be freed from sin to serve with all people. Yet we live in a world where evil exists and sin resides. We cannot escape it of our own will. Despite good intentions, we hurt each other and do not see the face of God in our neighbors. And so with all the people of God we confess the sin that separates us from the One and from one another.

Pause to reflect on sin and confess from within.

Oh Most Human One come down to earth, You know our world of pain and suffering, and love it still. Forgive us our sins, save us from the time of trial, restore us to hope, rejoin us to you, and reconcile us to each other. We confess this to you and ask for your forgiveness in the name of + Christ. We reclaim our baptismal calls into the body of Christ. We are beloved. We live into the joy and freedom to love and serve with all people!

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. O God,

you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 34

I Will Always Thank the Lord

S. SOPER



I will al-ways thank the Lord; I will al-ways praise God's name. name.

Verses I will thank the Lord at all times, I will always praise God's name.

My soul will boast of the Lord; the poor will hear and be glad. *Refrain*

Join with me in the praise of the Lord; together we shall sing God's praise. I called, and God answered my plea; from my fears the Lord set me free. *Refrain*

Look to God and shine with joy; you will never be ashamed. I begged God to listen to me; God took my burden away. *Refrain*

The Lord is faithful in all his works and always near, his name is holy. He lifts up all those who fall, He raises up the lowly. *Refrain*

LESSON Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.



Verse Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning; you have the words of everlasting life. Refrain.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Alleluia

See previous, refrain only

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sarah Jessop Street

SERMON

Pastor Frank Espegren & Vicar Carolyn Brodt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Dank sei, Dir, Herr (Thanks be to God) Linda Bush, soloist

S. Ochs

German: Dank sei Dir, Herr, Dank sei Dir Herr, Du hast Dein Volk mit Dir gefuhrt, Israel him durch das Meer.

> Wie eine Herde zog es hindurch, Herr, Deine Hand schutzte es, in Deiner Gurte gahst Du ihm Heil.

Dank sei Dir, Herr, Dank sei Dir Herr, Du hast Dein Volk mit Dir gefuhrt. Israel him durch das Meer. Egnlish: Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, Thou who has made They people free, all grateful thanks be to Thee.

Like a great flock Thy hand ever led us, Lord, Thy hand leads us, By all Thy goodness Salvation is ours.

Thanks he to God, Thanks he to God, Thou who has made Thy people free, all grateful thanks he to Thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth,

all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We have gathered here in communion with you, O Christ, through this virtual portal of time and space. While we are not able to partake of the body and blood of Jesus in the sacrament, we join in prayer to express our longing in this time of fasting from communion:

O Christ, I believe that you are present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the full sacrament, I invite you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Help me to remember that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate me from the love of God through you. Amen.

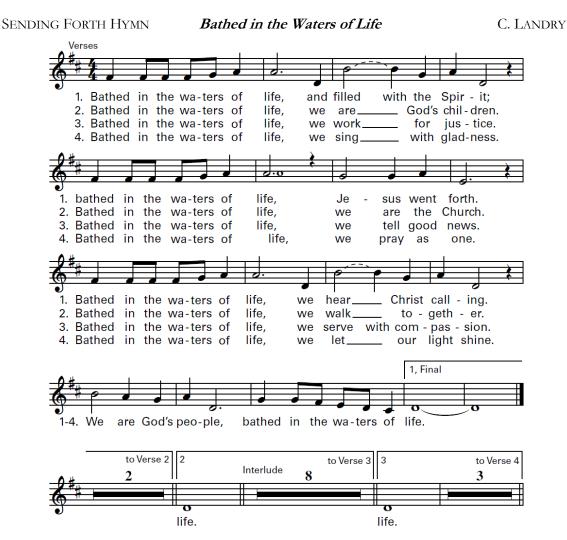
LORD'S PRAYER

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

FAREWELL & GODSPEED FOR VICAR CAROLYN BRODT

BENEDICTION



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,

and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Rhapsodie On a Theme for Pentecost

W. FAULKES

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Welcome Pastor Frank Espegren Lector Gregory VanAcker

Preachers Pastor Frank Espegren &

Vicar Carolyn Brodt
Children's Sermon
Assisting Ministers

Vicar Carolyn Brodt
Sarah Jessop Street
Rebekah Turnbaugh

Assistant Director of Communications

Esperanza Foft

Steven Lebrason

Director of Worship & Music

Assistant Director of Worship & Music

Eliseo Paniagua

Organ Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano Steven Johnson
Viola Howie Montenegro

Vocal Soloist Linda Bush

Cantors Josh Maddux, Heather Mercer

Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell,

Eliseo Paniagua

Audio/Visual Technicians John Bologni, Tim Reese

