

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

GREETING

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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.

**For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put
to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING

Romans 6:1b-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #801 "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

SERMON

Pastor Kirstin Kellaheer

HYMN OF DAY ELW #798- vs 1, 2, 5 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,

should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer pray'r
 in you and you in me?

- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 in you and you in me.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our

**Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *{Pastor Kellaher - the congregation may call out prayers and children will light candles of red or white.}*

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Responses: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(You are welcome to share the peace with others.)

Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #691 “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
 to place upon your table.
 We do not worship as we ought
 but only as we're able.

- 2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
 They grew in your good pleasure.
 What once was common, daily food
 becomes a holy treasure.

- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
 we lift in prayer before you.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us,
 as humbly we adore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation
can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

COMMUNION & SONG ELW #491 “Come, Let Us Eat”

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 (Our Lord's body let us take together,)

our Lord's body let us take together.

- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)

come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 (Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)

in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
 (In the presence of our Lord we gather,)

in the presence of our Lord we gather.

- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)

rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
 (Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)

Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
 bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #732 “Borning Cry”

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.