CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"The Church's one foundation" Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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The People stand as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18 *Misericordias Domini*

Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, the LORD is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

GOSPEL MUSIC
"Great is thy faithfulness" William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

The People stand as able.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and

whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON The Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

The People stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All: **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: In today's readings, we are summoned to new life, to be instruments of righteousness. God's grace sanctifies and strengthens us for the work Jesus calls each of us to do in this time of loss and heartache. Let us not lose hope as we remember that our God is the embodiment of love and faithfulness. We pray:

People: **Lord, help us to be a people who walk in the light of Your Presence.**

Intercessor: As we prepare this week to commemorate the date of America's independence, we pray for the wisdom and determination to work for a more just society, to ensure a life of dignity and equality for every person, and the liberty of each to fulfill their calling as a child of God. We pray:

People: **Lord, help us to be instruments of righteousness and love.**

Intercessor: We ask that you stir the hearts of our nation's leaders and of all in positions of authority throughout your world to be bearers of justice, compassion, and hope. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the United Church of North India. In our own Diocese of Maryland, we lift up Sherwood, Cockeysville; Trinity, Long Green; and All Saints, Frederick. We pray for our church leaders: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene, our Diocesan Bishop; Emmanuel, our Rector; and our retired Rectors, Richard and James. As God's children, we pray:

People: **Lord, help us to be a people who walk in the light of Your Presence.**

Intercessor: Lord, we pray that your loving presence may relieve the suffering of all who struggle daily with illness of body, mind, or spirit, and their families and caregivers, especially George, Nell, Ashley, Bob, Wendy, Genelle, Jane, Eric, Alta, Pamela, Nick, Brayden, Emily, Dr Thomas Kramer, Chad, Brady, Aston, and those you now name. We ask for your grace and safekeeping of all those who daily risk their own well-being to keep us cared for, safe, and supplied with the necessities of life. We pray:

People: **Lord, let your love and faithfulness be their strength.**

Intercessor: With heavy hearts, we lift up all who have died and those who mourn them. We remember Winifred Blackett, and those you now name. We affirm:

People: **Your love is established forever; the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Intercessor: We give thanks for all who are praying with us today and hope that you may find renewal and strength during this difficult time. We are grateful for opportunities to celebrate the special occasions in our church family. This week, we remember the birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones of Riley, Lorrie, Veronica, Kalleigh, Crowder, Eric, Alice, Elizabeth, Scott, Gordon, Karen, Aubrey, Richard, Tom, David, Michon, Katherine, Frederick, Beth, Michael, Alison, Crandall, Nicole, Avery, Margaret, Lisa, Amanda, Aubrey, Jocelyn. We pray:

People: **Lord, we give thanks for these joys that draw us closer to you and to each other.**

Intercessor: Heavenly Father, as we continue to try to do your will in these times of challenge, help us to remember the words of your faithful minister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "Just as love to God begins with listening to his word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God's love for us that he not only gives us his word but also lends us his ear. So it is his work that we do for our brethren when we listen to them."

People: **Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect, to which the People respond ***Amen****.*

The People stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord ***with a wave or nod*** *and then be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People stand as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

…Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All: **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present**
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment
to receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Christ is made the sure foundation" Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"God of grace and God of glory" John Hughes (1873-1932)

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