

# **Sunday, June 25, 2023**

#### Processional We know that Christ is raised and dies no more H 455

- 1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
- 2. We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!
- 3. The God of splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Alleluia!
- 4. A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed be our God. People: For ever and ever. Amen.

### Glory to God S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

## A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Psalm Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20

- 8. Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*and shame has covered my face.
- 9. I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*an alien to my mother's children.
- 10. Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11. I humbled myself with fasting, \*but that was turned to my reproach.
- 18. Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19. "Hide not your face from your servant; \*be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20. Draw near to me and redeem me; \*because of my enemies deliver me.

## A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to

sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: O day of radiant gladness

H 48 v.4

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way, at length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day. We sing to thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son; the Church her voice upraises to thee, blest Three in One.

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Rick O'Brien

#### Nicene Creed

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.

## Prayers of the People

In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ have mercy."

For the mission of the Church in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, and have grace to build up your people in love. **Christ, have mercy.** 

For the leaders of our nation and the world, that they may come together in peace, protect our fragile earth, and work together for the common good. **Christ, have mercy.** 

For those in our community in need, those in the grip of addiction, and those who lack hope. **Christ, have mercy.** 

For the sick, the injured, and those in need of healing, in either body, mind or soul, especially: \_\_\_. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

For those saints who have departed this life, we pray today for: \_\_\_\_. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

Loving Jesus; Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the

evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you**Offertory Anthem:

An Offering

Dan Forrest

Michael Lam, soloist

#### **Presentation of Offering**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

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 our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]

**WLP 785** 

Holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.

Santo, santo, mi corazon te adora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the

holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

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

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.

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us. Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem: It is well with my soul Phillip Paul Bliss

Michael Lam

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.** 

## Recessional Christ for the world we sing H 537

- 1. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
- 2. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.
- 3. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
- 4. Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joyful song; the new-born souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Calendar		
Monday	6:30 PM	Al-Anon – Support for those affected by the disease of addiction
Tuesday	9 AM	<b>Tuesday Tune-up</b> – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Thursday	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection) Contact lauracanon@yahoo.com
Friday	10 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (live in our chapel– led by Daughters of the King)
	10:30 AM	Alzheimer's / Dementia /Memory Support Group at the Epiphany campus. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050
Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	Faith Matters (Live and Facebook)

9:45 A	Summer Education for youth (4 years and up), nursery care is
	available as well
10 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family
	friendly service with music

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Picnic Today**

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and a good time.

## **Blood drive Today**

Give blood and save a life. The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot 9am to 1pm

#### Al-Anon Every Monday 6:30 PM

Al-Anon is a group of friends and families affected by the disease of addiction. Any in need of this wonderful program is encouraged to attend.

## Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group June 16

Spread the word about the Alzheimer's / Dementia / Memory support group. This is open to caregivers and care receivers and meets 10:30 am to 12 pm on the Epiphany campus. If you are in need or know anyone in need of the love, support and help this group offers please call or have them call Gary Hails at 702-884-7050

## Volunteers needed for July 4th Pancake Breakfast

Our friends at Grace in the Desert will be hosting a free community pancake breakfast immediately following the Las Vegas Fourth of July Parade and are looking for some volunteers to help. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex or see any vestry member for more info.

### Refugee Resettlement Needs

Won't you help with our Outreach Refugee Resettlement Program? June needs are Shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant (\$ store items). Diapers and Baby Items See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

## St. Jude's Ranch Collection

For June, St Jude's is collecting baby things. Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. Etc.

Our mission is to create and nurture disciples to share our journey to know and to love Jesus Christ

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