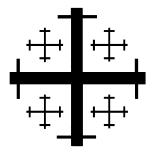
Pentecost IV

16 June, 2024

9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary

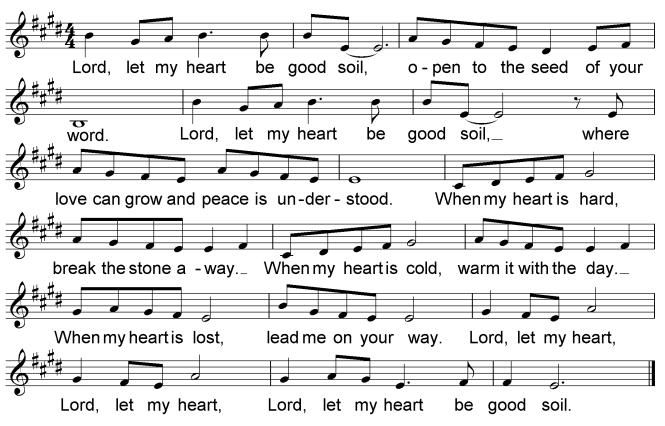


The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is

here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

PRELUDE Prelude *Nun bitten den heiligen Geist*Chorale by Hermann Schroeder, 1904-1984

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Words & Music by Handt. Hanson @ 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing/Changing Church, Inc.

L Lift your eyes to the Holy One enthroned in heaven. As we look at the rulers of this land, so lift your eyes to the Lord our God. Bring nothing with you at this moment except yourself; until God shows his mercy (Psalm 123:1-3 & Mark 6:8a).

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Lord, have mercy upon us.
- We have had more than enough of contempt. Our days have been filled with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities for the sake of Christ. Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy (Psalm 123:2, 4a; 2 Corinthians 12:10).
- L You have appealed to the Lord that your struggles would leave you, and the Lord replies as he did to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9a).

Reprise Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

 the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [*Greek*, Lord Have Mercy]





- P The Lord be with you
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray...
 O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

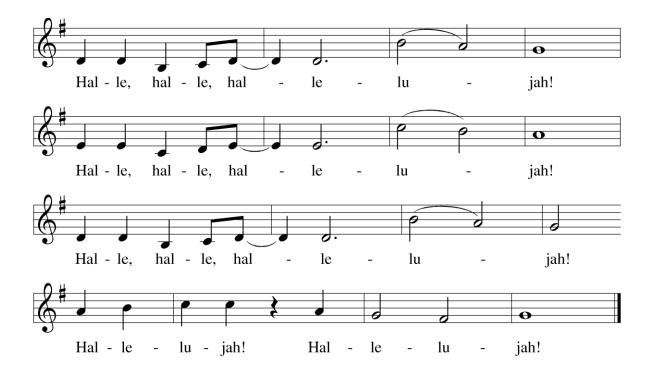
⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[11Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] 14For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground," and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

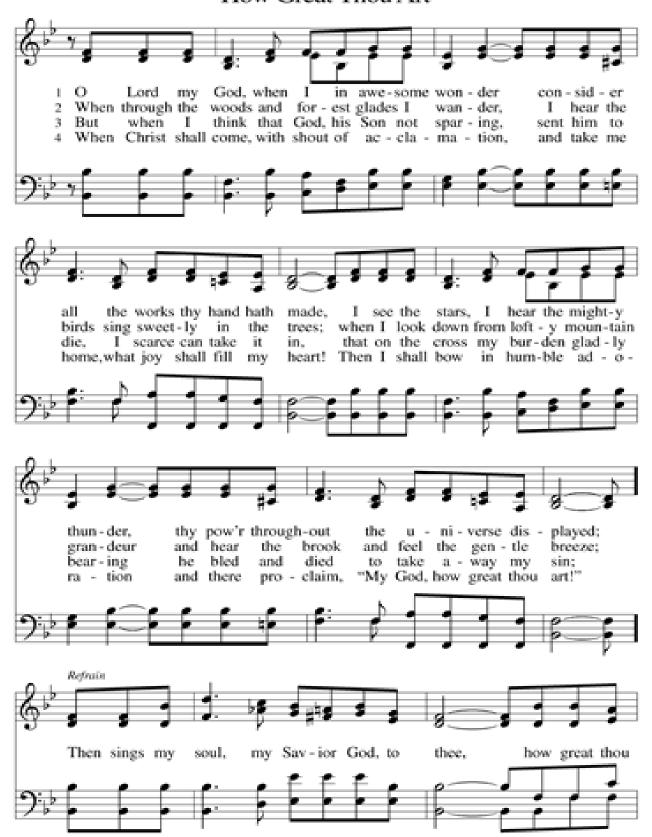
P The Gospel of Our Lord

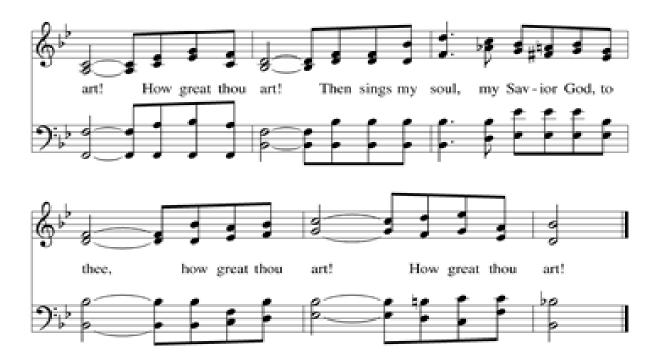
C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon Pr Phil



How Great Thou Art





Text: Carl Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

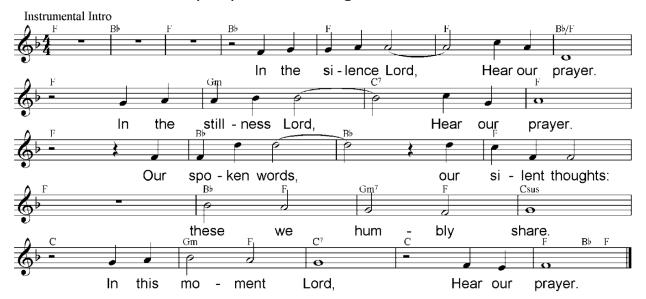
Presentation

Promise

- P People of God, do you promise to support Hannah and Caleb and pray for their new life in Christ?
- C We do.

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



After each petition

- A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.** *Concluding with*
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord
- C Amen.

Thanksgiving over Water

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Renunciation of Evil / Reaffirmation of Vows

- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C I renounce them.

- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- C In faith I turn to Christ.

Profession of Faith

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
 - P Do you believe in God the Father?
 - C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 - P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
 - C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 - P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
 - C 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

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ

Blessing

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Proclamation

- P Through Baptism God has made this new sister and new brother members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
(Simple Gifts Medley)
Conrad Kocher & Joseph Brackett
Arr. by Rebecca Belliston
Duet: Katie Beckman, Alto
Phil Beckman, Tenor

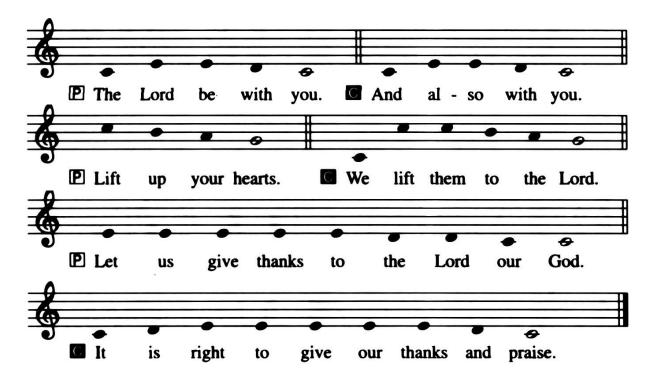


Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

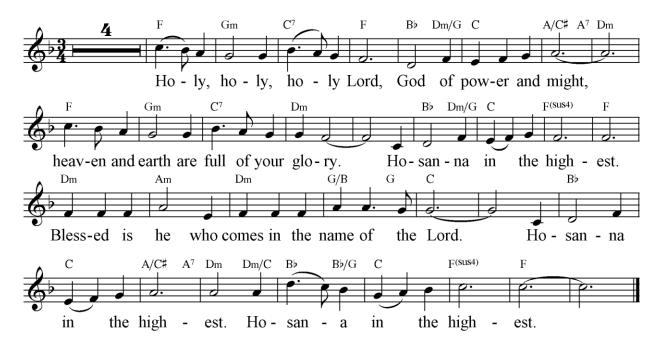
The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

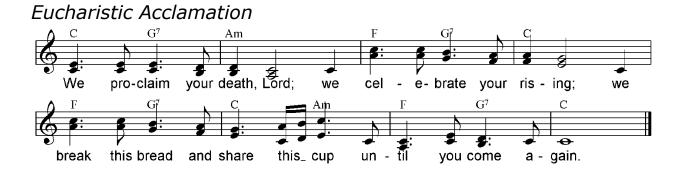
Who on this day broke the bonds of death opening to us the way of everlasting life and giving us a foretaste of the feast to come.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

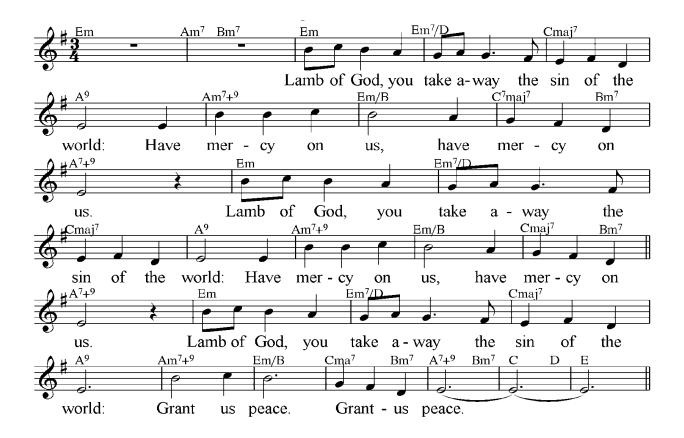


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Eucharistic Prayer



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- C 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.
- P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.





Holy Communion

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home:

If you have elements at home, commune with

those in attendance at the same time.

We encourage you to communion each other and

bless children who have not received

First Communion.

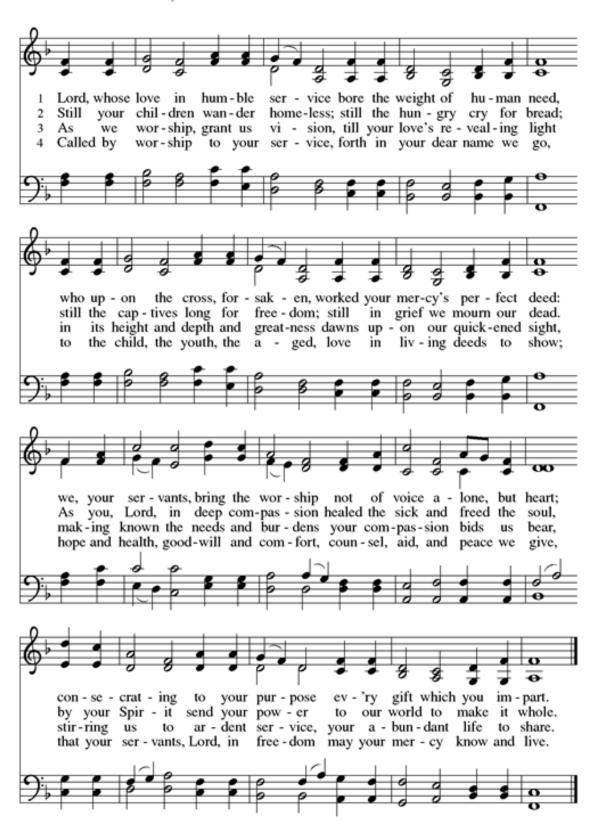
Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for

you."

One or more of the following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press.

Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

For the Fruit of All Creation



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Outside USA: Arr. from The English Hymnal. © Oxford University Press 1906.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen.



A Let us pray...

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

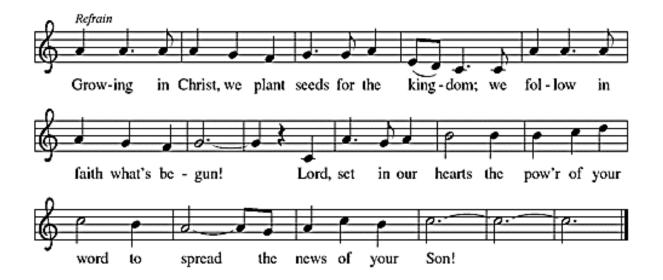
C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Build Us Up, Lord





Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956, and Donna Hanna, b. 1952 Music: BUILD US UP, Mark Glaeser and Donna Hanna Text and course (COC) Appropriate Features

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Tune: Pentecost, African American Spiritual
Setting, David Gale, b. 1962
(Music gifted by the Moxleys)

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Viktor Andersson, *Director, piano & vocals*Debbie Villavicencio, *organ*Toni Tharp, *flute & vocals* Jacob Groening, *trumpet, vocals*Brian Haywood, *tenor sax* Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals*Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*Dale Taylor, Janet Thorpe, *guitar, vocals*Robert Morris, Paul Slezak, *trombone, vocals*John Michael Slezak, *tuba*David Lakota, *bass* Blake Kitch, *percussion*

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Upcoming Commemorations

Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015 Monday, June 17, 2024

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a selfprofessed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 Friday, June 21, 2024

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.