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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

- ♪ Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- ♪ Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.
- ♪ Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- ♪ To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Reaffirmation of Faith *Please Be Seated*

Gloria Havemann

Confession and Absolution

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I
have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**

**But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word
announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ
I forgive you all your sins the name of the Father and of the + Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“On Eagles’ Wings”

♪ You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,

Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

~And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

♪ The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. ~And He...

♪ You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;

Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. ~And He...

♪ For to His angels He’s given a command To guard you in all of your ways;

Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ~And He....

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Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!”

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,”

there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!

“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall.

“Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

~Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

♪ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ~Great is...

♪ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. ~Great is....

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,....

²¹Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

♪ Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise,
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

- ♪ Here I raise my Ebenezer*, Hither by Thy help I've come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- ♪ Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
 Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.
- ♪ Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
 Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
 Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
 Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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**"Ebenezer" means "Thus far has the Lord helped us" and was the name given to the stone of remembrance. 1 Samuel 7:12*

Proclamation of the Word

"Do You Know Your Master?"

Matthew 10:24–33

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

In Your mercy, hear our prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- ♪ Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
 Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own,
 Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- ♪ Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
 Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
 Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
 The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- ♪ Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
 But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

- ♪ Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- ♪ Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 525-Text: Matthew Bridges 1800-94, vv. 1-3, Godfrey Thring 1823-1903, v.4
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Postlude