

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 13 - June 28, 2020

Hymn - 453 Baptized and Set Free

The Prayer of the Day may be prayed.

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." **3** So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. **4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5** Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." **6** Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. **7** Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8** Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill ^[a] his son. **11** But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12** He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." **13** And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; ^[b] as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ^[c]

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 may be sung or spoken in response to the First Reading.*

¹Your love, O Lord, forever I will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro-¹claim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present any parts of your bodies to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your bodies to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we 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, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, 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 the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever 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; ⁴²and 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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Hymn Of The Day – 779 Amazing Grace

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**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.**

Although distant from each other, we are called to join together to pray for our needy world. In response to each bid, you are invited to offer your own prayers, silently or aloud, and to conclude each petition with the words Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for our own congregation and for its leadership.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for the health of the earth – its lands, its seas, its animals.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield:
your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who work in our fields and produce our food.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for peace between and within nations.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for those who are oppressed, or enslaved, or poverty-stricken.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for an end to racism.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

your mercy is great.

Let us pray for both protesters and police.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

your mercy is great.

Let us pray for all who are sick or sorrowing from the coronavirus.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for medical workers and researchers.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for families facing an unprecedented summertime.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us thank God for Bishop Irenaeus, the apostles Peter, Paul, and Thomas, and all those who have died in the faith, and let us pray that at our end we will join them in God's presence.

A time for prayer.

Receive our praise, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, the Holy One, you are yourself the cup of cold water we crave, relieving our deep thirst. Receive these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, for your mercy is great, now and forever. **Amen**

Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn - 824 This Is My Father's World

Devotional Music Links: For your individual or group devotion, you may choose to listen to the following choral recordings made available through Augsburg Fortress: [“Amazing Grace”](#); [“Bread of the World”](#); [“The Gift of Grace.”](#)

Readings for the Week:

Monday (Peter and Paul, Apostles) John 21:15-19. **Tuesday** 1 John 4:1-6. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators) Matthew 11:20-24. **Thursday** Psalm 145:8-14. **Friday** (Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **Saturday** Luke 10:21-24. **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.