

# + Third Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2020

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God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy.

Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say.

Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division.

Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads.

Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death,

God's grace makes us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross of Christ,

we are sent from worship to bear the good news of God's love to the world.

#### **Prelude**

#### Introduction

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess to you that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
We place our hope in ourselves, rely on our own efforts, and go our own ways.
We deny your presence in our lives and struggle to trust in your abundance.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference.
We fail to acknowledge your image in the face of our neighbors, and to welcome others as you have welcomed us. Help us to turn in a new and different direction.
By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt. Music: W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1915.

## Greeting

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.** 

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Hymn of Praise Cantad al Señor / Oh, Sing to the Lord, v. 1, 3-4 ELW 822

Please feel free to sing in Spanish or English, or to alternate between both.



- 2 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

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## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Teach us, Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to struggle and not to be hindered by our wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

# Reading – Jeremiah 20: 7-13

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention the Lord, or speak any more in the Lord's 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. <sup>10</sup>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."

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!For the Lord has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 69: 7-10, 16-18

The psalm will be sung by a cantor.

People of the assembly are invited to sing along with the verses in bold.

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach, and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to | my own kindred, an alien to my | mother's children.

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup>I humbled my- | self with fasting, but that was turned to | my reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;

in your great compassion, | turn to me.

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face | from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me | and redeem me; because of my enemies de- | liver me.

## **Second Reading – Romans 6: 1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

<sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

## Heleluyan / Hallelujah

**ELW 171** 

The verse will be sung through twice. Please use one version of the words or the other.

Heleluyan, heleluyan; hele, heleluyan. Heleluyan, heleluyan; hele, heleluyan.

Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.

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## **Gospel – Matthew 10: 24-39**

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>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!

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>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;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

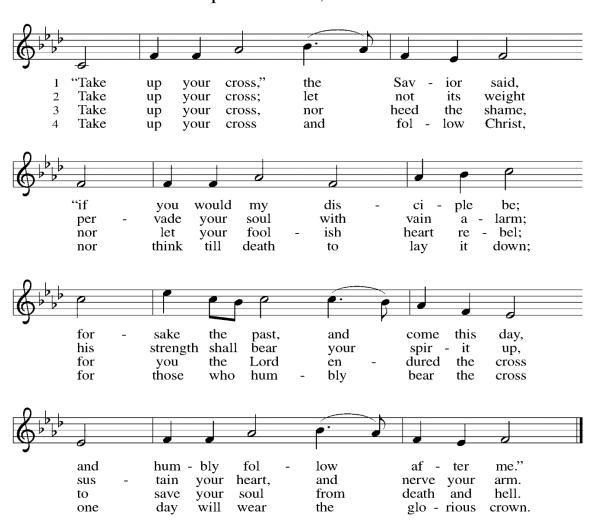
<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said *ELW* 667 v. 1-2

# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, Hesperian Harp, 1848

## **Prayers of the People**

P: Joining God's people around the world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all creation.

After each petition P: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: Receive these prayers, merciful God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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,

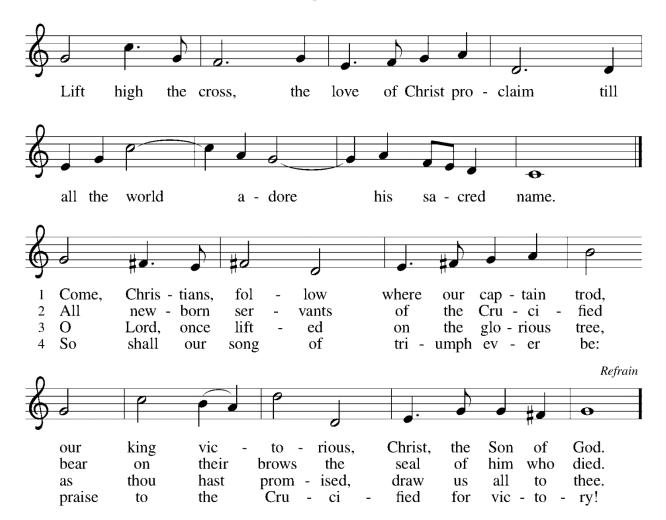
now and forever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

P: God the holy Three, the holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace. **C: Amen.** 

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# Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

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#### **Dismissal**

P: Go forth to serve God;

be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

help the afflicted; honor all people;

love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

### Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

**C:** Congregation

# ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

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