

Worship in the Home

Sunday after Pentecost



"Come...Be a Part of Peace!"

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In this time of world-wide crisis, we are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Use this resource as an aid for prayer in the home. As with our prayers in the gathered assembly for worship.



Set out and light a candle and you may wish to have a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel, sit or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

DEVOTIONAL MUSIC

Click the following link for audio presentation –

<https://youtu.be/4oGuGzCFEWI>

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics with a double bar line.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.*



*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.*

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.*

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY



O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,

**²for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenever ¹er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹came upon
me;

I came to ¹grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name ¹of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life."

⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous;
our God is full ¹of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches o- ¹ver the innocent;

I was brought low, ¹and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt ¹well with you.

**⁸For you have rescued my ¹life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my ¹feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹of the LORD
in the land ¹of the living.

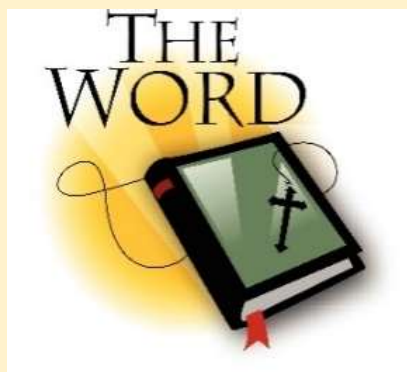
SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON—Pastor Ida Iverson

“QUESTIONS”

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

This week's lessons led me to two questions: first, "What teacher had the greatest influence on you?", and second, "What was it that they did or said that made you feel that way?" I asked those questions Tuesday morning to Pastor Dow and Tom, and they both could give an answer rather quickly. There was more than one that they could each name. I am sure that many of you could as well. Any volunteers want to answer? Personally, I have had many at different stages of my life that taught me different lessons. In second grade, Mrs. Thompson, who was in a by-racial marriage which for the early 1960's I guess was just about unheard of. She taught me that the color of a person's skin does not matter, and relationships can take place when there is mutual respect no matter what the color of a person's skin is. In junior high school it was my English teacher at the end of the school year that took me aside and talked to me about how she knew that I was a better student than I had been that year. I never missed an honor roll after that year. When I went back to college, it was Professor Bill Green that I had for African American Studies and the discussions we had within class and discussions outside of class. Those are just a few that have made a difference in my life who were trained teachers, but of course there have been others who have taught me many lessons outside of a classroom.

Isaiah would not have been teaching in a classroom, and those that James wrote to about being teachers would not have either, and of course we know that even though Jesus taught thousands of people who followed and surrounded him -- there was never a classroom involved either.

So, what is it about the teachers in the many aspects of our lives that they have made a difference? What made the different from those who did not stand out? I would say that it has to do with relationship. A relationship that you could feel that they really cared about you, listened to you, and wanted the very best for you. That they were able to show you was compassion when it was most needed.

Isaiah understood what he had been given, as it says, ***“the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.”*** James gave a warning to those who were to become teachers that they needed to know that they: ***“will be judged with greater strictness.”*** When Jesus was teaching his disciples, he presented them with two questions, ***“Who do people say that I am?”*** and ***“But who do you say that I am?”*** For the first question you might say it sounds like different disciples called out an answer of who they had overheard along the way, but Peter spoke for them all as he said, ***“You are the Messiah.”*** Give the man a new pair of sandals for getting the correct answer. But, and there is a but, as Jesus tells them not to tell anybody yet...because there are some events ahead for him that must transpire before they can openly let the world know who he is.

You might say that Peter did not like what Jesus had to say and was vocal about it, and then Jesus came back at him with a retort that you might say brought Peter up short. Peter who eventually would be the rock that the church was built upon. Peter who would be a teacher that would eventually point billions of people over the decades to Jesus and the cross.

So, here is my last question for today, “Who was your best teacher who gave you the cross? Oh, I do not mean a physical cross that you might wear or hang on a wall, but the understanding of what the cross means for those of us who call ourselves Christians. We are talking about the *teacher* who taught you the importance of being a part of a faith community, the *teacher* who showed you the love of Christ in word and deed, the *teacher* that taught you that faith is a life-long journey and that you never stop learning of how the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit show themselves to you in many and various ways, the *teacher* who inspired *you* to become a *teacher* for another or many others along the way, the *teacher* who showed you the way to be able to answer Jesus’ question, ***“But who do you say that I am?”*** with conviction and assurance...”You are Jesus, my Savior and Redeemer, and I will take up my cross and follow you now and into eternity.” Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Click the following link for audio presentation –

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Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

PATMOS
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The Apostles' + Creed +

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 sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you have brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires and other disasters. Restore forest and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Strengthen first responders to help meet the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. We especially pray that you watch over and protect those who are still caught in the crisis in Afghanistan.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed, care and healing to those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We ask you to especially guard and keep these we name before you either silently or aloud: Michele Pester, Marsha Woleshin, Baby William, Donna Cormier, Clay Chaffee, Lucy Creel, John Meisburg, Carey Blair, Ted Richardson, Derrek Burns at the death of his parents Alene & Tony Daniels, Todd & Suzanne Willis, Faye, Sam Mandrick, Charlie Vaughn, Twin granddaughters of Linda Pesante

all those who serve in the military, for those under care for the Covid virus

We give thanks for all the prayers you have answered by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, it is with joy we celebrate the birthdays of B.J. Taylor, Sherry Vaughn, and Emmy Lou Sorum this week along with Eric & Samantha Stommel on their anniversary.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
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.**



BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and
forever.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Click the following link for audio presentation

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733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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FAITHFULNESS

11 10 11 10 and refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Readings of the Week:

Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 50:4-9a, James 3:1-12, 14-17, Mark 8:27-38

Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Osprey Village

Jane Cotner - Room 3106

Savannah Grand

Jo Kruer - Room 332

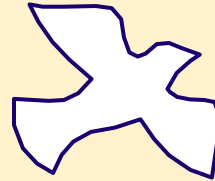
Mary Jordan- Memory Care Unit

At Home

Emmy Lou Sorum / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee / Dorothy Schwager / Orv Lind /

Lucy Creel / Blake Carter / Allan Johnson / Carey Blair / Marsha Woleshin / Ted

Richardson / Donna Cormier / Sam Mandrick



Luke Ellison, Army National Guard, Syria (nephew of Mark & Susan Foutz)

Lt. Commander Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. (grandson of Glen & Norma Beyer)

Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA

Components of an Effective Prayer

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| “A” | ADORATION | Worship of God, first for who He is, Second for all His benefits |
| “C” | CONFESSION | If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness |
| “T” | THANKSGIVING | Gratitude to GOD for His blessings |
| “S” | SUPPLICATION | Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires |

Keeping Our Prayer List Up to Date ...

*Call our Church Office to add friends and family to our prayer list.
We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.*