

Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost: June 28, 2020
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

The Word of God

Opening Hymn – Hymnal #690, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," v. 1 and 3

Verse 1:

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Verse 3:

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Spoken Gloria**

All *Glory to God in the highest,*
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

*Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect, Lessons, and Gospel :

The Collect of the Day *From Planning for Rites and Rituals 2019-2020*

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Reading: The Old Testament – *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

Reader:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 *Misericordias Domini*

Reader:

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Second Reading: The Epistle – Romans 6:12-23

Reader:

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

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do 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? But 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, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

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

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

***Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

After a brief introduction, sing two times through

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The Gospel – Matthew 10:40-42

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever 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; and 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.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – Rev. Lois

The Nicene Creed *Adapted from the original Nicene Creed, 4th century A.D.*

All We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Composed by Trisha Finnegan, Worship Committee member*

Reader leads and People respond:

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring forth our hopes and needs to our loving, liberating God, responding “God of mercy, hear our prayer.”

That the church may continue to serve as a beacon of hope, justice, and love to a suffering nation and world. We pray for leaders in all faith traditions around the world who minister to those in their care. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, our Bishop, and Lois, our Priest-In-Charge. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

That the leaders of this and every land may seek peace, equity, and unity. We pray for those in positions of leadership and authority in our nation, especially for Donald, the president; members of Congress; the justices of the Supreme Court; and our governors and mayors; that unified in purpose they will respond with wisdom, compassion, and justice to the needs of all people during this troubled time in our common life. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

For all who journey from illness to health, despair to hope, grief to consolation, and loneliness to fellowship. We pray especially for those suffering from chronic physical or mental illness, for those affected by COVID-19, and for the many medical staff and caregivers who provide critical services. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

For everyone experiencing financial hardship, or any housing, healthcare, or food insecurity, particularly in the most vulnerable communities of your Black, Brown, and Indigenous Children. May they have confidence in your Providence in the weeks and months to come. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all the departed, remembering the multitude of named and unnamed souls who have lost their lives because of racial injustice. May they rest in peace in that place where there is no pain or grief but only life everlasting. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

We offer thanks for the many amazing ways in which, as a church, nation, or community, or as individuals, we have opened our hearts and minds to your mission of healing and reconciliation, and have changed and grown to meet the challenges. We draw our strength and courage from you, O Lord. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God’s blessings, out loud or in the chat.

Presider concluding prayer:

Prayer in Time of Isolation, written by the Rev. Dr. Kate Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary

Almighty God: Our times are in your hand. We call upon you in this hour of our need, when we are lonely and must stand apart. Be our strength, O Sovereign Lord, our calm in the midst of raging seas, our refuge and our dwelling place. Sanctify to us this time drawn away from others, even as your Son, O Father, drew away to a lonely place for prayer. Deepen our need of you, O Lord, that every breath may be a whisper of the Spirit’s prompting, a renewed searching of the deep things of God. Stir up in us the great act of intercession that we may spend our time apart

in prayer for the world you created and sustain. Bless us in our turning toward you, and make us a blessing to those who stand in need of you, the whole fragile earth. All this we ask in the name of the great Physician, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbors.

All *Almighty and merciful God,
We have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion / The Spiritual Communion

Adapted from Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP; Chichester Cathedral website, UK; and CDSP (Church Divinity School of the Pacific) website, US

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Spoken Sanctus**

All *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

The ‘Comfortable’ Words *Adapted from Chichester Cathedral website, UK*

Presider Hear the words of comfort our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38-39*

Spiritual Communion *Adapted from CDSP website*

Spiritual communion offers one way to sustain ourselves as we await the time when we can once again gather in the same space with other Christians to celebrate Eucharist. / The 1979 Prayer Book refers to spiritual communion in the form for Ministration to the Sick, directing the priest to assure a person unable to eat and drink the bread and wine “that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth” (BCP 457). The Prayer Book for the Armed Services suggests a prayer for spiritual communion, modified here for group recitation.

Presider Remembering the words of our Lord Jesus, and of Saints John and Paul, let us say together a prayer for Spiritual Communion:

All ***In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Post Spiritual-Communion Prayer *From the Church of England*

The Presider and People pray together

*Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful;
in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you;
in these days of emptiness, take possession of us;
in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.
Amen.*

Presider Blessing *From Morning Prayer, BCP*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – Gather #533, "They'll Know We Are Christians," v. 1 and 3

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

Verse 3:

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human's dignity
and save human's pride;
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People *Thanks be to God.*