

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST/JOHN'S



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Sunday, July 5, 2020

9:30 am

INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary."

PRELUDE

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Dearest Jesus, at your word, we have come again to hear you.
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred, and in growing faith be near you.
As the promises here given, draw us ever t'ward your heaven.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Ellie VerGowe

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,

or

Lord, we praise you,

Hear our prayer.

Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The offertory time is an opportunity to receive the gift of music and to reflect on how we might practice gratitude and generosity toward one another. It is in gratitude that we can find solace during this time, by seeing goodness in the face of despair, hope in the midst of anxiety, and joy in the midst of fear. One aspect of practicing gratitude and generosity is stewarding the financial resources in our care. If you would like to make a gift to the ministry of the church, you may visit stjohnswilmette.org/give to donate online. You may also write a check made out to St. John's Lutheran Church and mail it to 1235 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. St. John's is deeply grateful for the generosity of our members and supporters, which allows us to be generous to others through our ministry.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/Parent 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.**

+ Sending +

CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;
hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak,
and help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING

In the name of Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| † The family and friends of Bob Anderson who died 6/8/20 | † The family and friends of Jean Olan, cousin of Bill Kaspar, who died 6/11/20 |
| † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20 | † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain. |
| † Pastor Mike Flowered and family as they mourn the death of Mike's mother, who died on June 12 | † Greyson Nester |
| † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20 | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland |
| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Marty Anderson |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, in need of healing |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing | † Sydney Johnson, her work |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm | † Mark Voosen |
| † Susan Crist | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink |
| † Lani Miller | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel |
| † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from surgery | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family |
| | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in need of healing |
| | † the officers of the Rogers Park police district |

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SERVING TODAY

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| <i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i> | Pastor Ellie VerGowe |
| <i>Music Director & Pianist</i> | Dr. Robert McConnell |
| <i>Cantor:</i> | Hannah McConnell |
| <i>Minister of the Word:</i> | Alla Rusz |
| <i>Prayers of the People:</i> | Alla Rusz |
| <i>Children's Message:</i> | Stephanie Abudayeh |
| <i>Virtual Usher:</i> | Luke Rasmussen |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher Today

Today we welcome Pastor Ellie VerGowe, Pastor of Outreach and Worship at First Covenant Church in Seattle, WA, as our guest minister. She is a close friend of Pastor Allison from her time living in Seattle. We thank her for her ministry among us.

Pastoral Care on Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Allison will be on vacation through July 14th. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Jan in the church office (847-251-1730). Pastor John Lang will be on call.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday

Pastor Jason Williams, Pastor at Shekinah Chapel, will be the preaching and presiding next Sunday, July 12th. There will not be communion during this service.

A **Coloring Sheet** (for adults and children) and a **Children's Bulletin** have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or throughout the week. Please take a picture of your work and email it to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com to be included in next week's "Art Gallery."

Member Milestones: Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so they can be included in the Member Milestones section of our eNewsletter! This section of the newsletter is also an opportunity to share any special events that come up in your or your family's life. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Please e-mail your information to churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com.



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SATURDAY, JULY 18

FEATURING CURT MORRSION OF TRIBUTOSAURUS,
JUSTIN ROBERTS, & MORE
BARBEQUE FROM THE BACKYARD BBQ

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM

Men's Group Online

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Candlelight Service Online

SUNDAY, JULY 12

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

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