

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020
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Sunday, June 21, 2020

9:30 am

INTRODUCTION

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. 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 and love make us a new creation each day.

PRELUDE

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

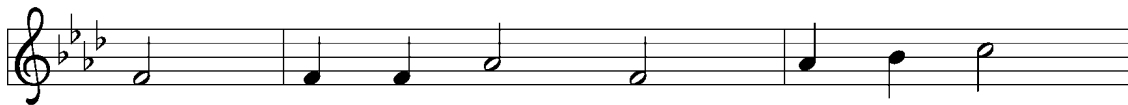
RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING HYMN

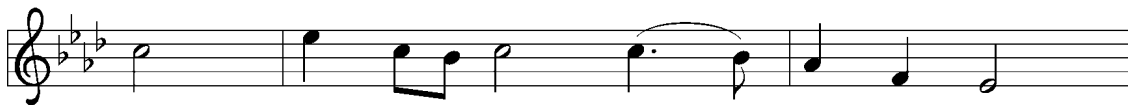
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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.

A LITANY ADAPTATION OF “LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.
Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.
Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet
with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed.

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here
now to this place and time of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.
Remembering the ones led to freedom by Harriet; remembering lives and freedom stolen;
remembering George Floyd, Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Philando
Castile, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery.

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past till now we stand at last where the
white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Celebration rises, recognizing what has been done and left undone, knowing there is still and yet
much to do, so much further to go. Celebration rises, naming the victories, recognizing the
challenges yet ahead. Celebration rises on voices offering unfinished praise. Lest our feet stray
from the places, our God where we met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we
forget thee.

Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who
breaks our chains, and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears thou who hast brought us thus far on our way; thou who has by thy might
led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Celebration rises, with the power of healing wings and promise to endure. Celebration rises,
celebrating that by God’s grace, I am because You are, You are because I am; celebrating that the
fullness of my humanity does not diminish yours and the fullness of your humanity does not
diminish mine. Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our
native land. True to who we are, True to who we have been and who we are becoming, thanks be
to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against
evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who
resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us
to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your
Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Litany and Prayer from the ELCA’s Juneteenth worship resource.

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.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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 |

SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Jim Dossa
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Nancy & Gary Anderson
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Our next Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, June 28, immediately following worship (at around 10:30 am). The purpose of this meeting will be to elect congregational leaders, including Council members and officers, a new Nominating Committee, and 2020 Synod Assembly delegates; to celebrate all that we have accomplished as a congregation in the past year; and to recognize our ministry leaders and give thanks to God for their leadership. This meeting will be held virtually on the same Zoom connection as the Sunday worship service. Please plan to stay after the Sunday service to participate in this important meeting.

Poor People's Campaign Mass Digital Gathering

It's not too late to participate in the Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington! Tune in tonight at 5 pm on MSNBC or at june2020.org.

Help for Mindy

Our beloved Mindy Davis, regular Saturday service attendee and co-leader of the Rooted in Relationships Team, is in need of financial assistance during this time. Please see her [GoFundMe page](#) for more information and to make donations. If you'd like to donate to her directly, you can reach out to Pastor Allison for her contact information (or check the directory).

Anti-Racism Resources

Mylene Pollock's company, SmallGood, has created a list of anti-racism resources including books, podcasts, films, articles, and groups to follow on social media. "From light content to more thorough, there something for everyone, including kids," Mylene says. Check it out [here](#).

A **Children's Bulletin** for use during today's service has been emailed to you. Though we did have permission to post the children's bulletins on our website during the Easter Season, the publisher has not given permission for the Time after Pentecost. Thanks for your understanding.

Like to color? Check out the coloring sheets that have been emailed to you. Feel free to color during the service or during the week. These sheets are for both children and adults!

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet during the months of July and August. This Wednesday, June 24th, will be the last class before the summer break. We will resume meeting in September.

LOMC Family Getaways

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center is offering summer getaways for households. This 2-night, 3-day experience is a great opportunity to take a break from your home routine, get some rest, do a little adventuring, and enjoy the beauty of nature. Details can be found [here](#).

Face Mask Challenge

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM	Online Worship with Children's Message
5:00 PM	Poor People's Campaign Mass Digital Gathering

WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:00 AM	Bible Study Online
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THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM	Men's Group Online
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SATURDAY

5:00 PM	Candlelight Service Online
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