

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST/JOHN'S



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Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:30 am

PRELUDE

Jim Dossa, piano

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, ELW 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Child, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by Christ's example, point us to the path of love, and give us strength to follow your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those

who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON & DISCUSSION

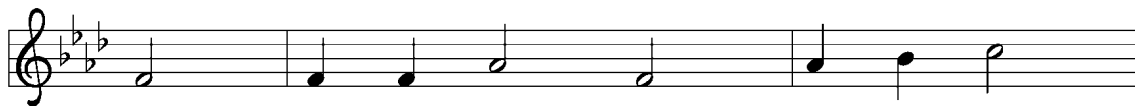
Pastor Allison Bengfort

HYMN OF THE DAY

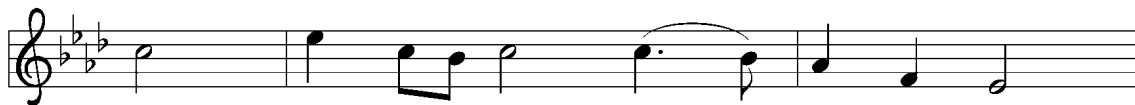
Take up your Cross, the Savior Said, ELW 667



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.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

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

Jim Dossa, piano

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. With gratitude, we 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

O Jesus, I Have Promised, ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Rachel Cordts, cancer diagnosis
- † Pastor Bob Stout, former pastor of the Abudayeh family, in hospice care
- † Cam Wise, for physical and emotional health
- † Ken Kastman, healing from broken ribs after a fall
- † Janet Rassenfoss and Alan Swanson, on the birth of their first grandchild, Molly Francis Wilka, on 7/6/20
- † The family and friends of Bob Anderson who died 6/8/20
- † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20
- † Pastor Mike Flowered and family as they mourn the death of Mike's mother, who died on 6/12/20
- † Chad Johnson, recovering from a bike accident on 5/30/20
- † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker
- † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing
- † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing
- † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel & Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer surgery
- † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis
- † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in need of healing
- † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm
- † Lani Miller
- † Doug Peters, managing cancer and recovering from surgery
- † The family and friends of Jean Olan, cousin of Bill Kaspar, who died 6/11/20
- † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, ongoing back pain
- † Greyson Nester
- † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland
- † Marty Anderson
- † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson, in need of healing
- † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad Johnson, cancer diagnosis
- † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson
- † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh
- † Sydney Johnson, her work
- † Mark Voosen
- † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink
- † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel
- † 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

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Music Director & Pianist:</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Special Music:</i>	Jim Dossa
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Michel Hauser
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service of Lament for Jacob Blake

An outdoor Service of Lament will be held today at 2 pm at Ebenezer AME Church in Evanston (1109 Emerson Street), where Jacob Blake's grandfather was pastor. Jacob Blake grew up in Evanston, and his family is beloved by the community. This service will be an opportunity to support the family and friends of Jacob Blake, to lament of the sin of racism that plagues our country, and to reach out to God and one another in love. Masks and social distancing are required.

Building Re-Entry: Plans for September

Your St. John's Re-Entry Team (Michel Hauser, Christi Wise, Al Swanson, and Pastor Allison) have been working diligently to develop protocols for safely using the church facilities during Phase IV. Beginning in September, all small groups (both church groups and non-church groups) who would like to resume meeting in person may contact Jan (jan@stjohnswilmette.com) to book space and receive training on the safety procedures. The only spaces available for gatherings are the Fellowship Hall (maximum group size of 15 people, no food consumption permitted) and the church grounds (maximum group size of 50 people, individuals may bring their own food for consumption outdoors). The weekend worship schedule will remain the same for September: Outdoor Contemplative Service at 5 pm on Saturdays and Online Worship at 9:30 am on Sundays. Thank you so much for continuing to share input on your preferences and for being patient as our team has been weighing options and developing plans. Please feel free to contact Jan or Pastor Allison if you have questions or further input.

Faith in Place Green Team Summit

Join Faith in Place September 13-17th for the first-ever virtual Green Team Summit. The annual summit is an opportunity for people of faith to come together and learn about how to actively engage in seeking justice and care for our common environment. This year, we will connect the dots between the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and racial justice through our [FREE workshops each night](#). [Register here](#) to attend one or all of the workshops!

Holy Family School Donations Needed

Holy Family School has begun the new school year with 75% of students returning in person. Cheryl Collins, CEO of Holy Family has supplied a list of needs for the students and faculty at Holy Family. If you'd like to purchase some items, please [click here](#) to be taken to the Holy Family "wedding" registry. The shipping address should default to the one indicated on the registry. Your gift will be shipped straight to the school in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood. Thank you for your generosity!

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NEW Outdoor Contemplative Service

We are now gathering for a socially-distanced, contemplative worship service on Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm in the beauty of the outdoors! The new service structure includes 10 minutes of contemplative prayer (silent, sometimes guided meditation) as well as scripture, discussion, and communion. We gather on the grass on the Park Avenue side of the church building, and attendees are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on, their own communion elements, and their own mask to be worn at all times. Upon arrival, all attendees must participate in a pre-screening process, which includes a touch-free temperature check, a verbal screening for symptoms, and collection of information for contact tracing purposes. Those who would like to participate in the service virtually may do so via our regular worship Zoom link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children’s Message

TUESDAY

7:00-8:30 PM

Executive Committee Meeting Online

THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM

Men’s Group

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Outdoor Contemplative Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children’s Message

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