

Worship in the time of COVID-19

An order of worship for July 5, 2020

The Season After Pentecost

Welcome by Pastor Kristen

Psalm 145:8-14

8The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9**Lord, you are good to all,**
and your compassion is over all your works.

10All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

11**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom**
and speak of your power,

12that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures**
throughout all ages.

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

14The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Psalm Song: You Are Slow by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

- 1. You are slow to anger, full of compassion**
Abounding in unfailing love (x2)
- 2. Teach us your way, and we will walk, we will walk in it (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

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.

Children's Sermon

VBS Song: Compassion Prayer

1. May we be filled with compassion
May we be filled to the top of our hearts
When we have the power to make something right
May we show God's love
2. May we be shown compassion
May we be found in the center of peace
When we have needs that others can meet
May we find God's love

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[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.”

Sermon

Hymn/Song Lord of All Hopefulness, ELW 765

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and medical staff as they seek treatments, cures, and vaccines for Covid-19. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations, especially the United States, celebrating our nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies, especially policies that help us fight the spread of the coronavirus. Guide difficult conversations that help us address the

brokenness within our systems. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. We pray for all who are in hospitals or care centers that cannot currently receive visitors. We pray for those in prisons and other institutions where the coronavirus could easily spread. We pray for all who are sick from Covid-19 or from other illnesses. Ease the burdens of all who feel overwhelmed. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation, our community, and the larger church. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers as we prepare for VBS. Guide the congregational council during this unprecedented time. Direct the work of the Jesup Ministerial Association. Shine in our homes and in our community, that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Song: You're the Source

- 1. You've kept watch over me since I was a child
You've stayed close when my heart has gone running wild
You've welcomed me back again and again
You've offered your kindness, forgiven my sin**

**Chorus: You're the source of all the good gifts I know
No one else can equal the love you show
Though my praise for you often comes so slow
How I long for my life with you to grow**

- 2. In your actions you show the proof of your care
In your presence comes comfort that you're everywhere
In your mercy I found a hope that will last
In your second life, I'm saved from the past**

Chorus

Blessing

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.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

And have fun doing it.

We will! Amen!

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