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DIVINE SERVICE

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4th Sunday after Pentecost
28 June 2020

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AS WE GATHER

Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever" (Psalm 89:1).

PRELUDE *"Meditation"*

arr. Caleb Simper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons"*

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1

¹⁵Blesséd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

¹⁶who exult in Your name all the day
and in Your righteousness are exalted.

¹⁷For You are the glory of their strength;
by Your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

KYRIE ~ LORD, HAVE MERCY

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray...Almighty, eternal God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

C A - men. *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*Jeremiah condemns Hananiah*)

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 119:153–154

- ¹⁵³Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget Your law.
- ¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to Your promise!

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE (*The purpose of the Law is to show the gravity of our sin.*) Romans 7:1-13

- L** Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

- C** **What then shall we say? That the law is sin?**

- L** By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment,

produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

C Did that which is good, then, bring death to me?

L By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Matthew 10:39

L Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL (*Stand*)

Matthew 10:34-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*” # 685

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN “*Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*” # 865

POSTLUDE — *SONG 1* arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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