



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PRIDE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.

Welcome

Steven Mackison

Prelude

Dan Norman

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Officiant: Steven Mackison

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Blessed be God, who loves all creation.

Susan Haig

All: **God's love has no exceptions. Alleluia.**

Priest: We are the body of Christ!

All: **Justice seeking, truth speaking, hymn singing, risk taking Body of Christ.**

Priest: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body

All: **Many and varied in culture, sexuality, age, class and ability,
we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

All: **For only together can we find wholeness.**

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

All: **For we are connected like muscle and bone.
If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice.**

Priest: We gather as one body, to come and worship!

We come with our longings, our questions, and our fears.

All: **We come with our dreams of a better day, one with dignity and safety for all.**

Priest: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

All: **Let us worship God. Alleluia.**

Song of Praise: “You’ll Never Walk Alone” – *Rodgers and Hammerstein*

Will Reid/Jill Daley



When you walk through a storm hold your head up high and don't be a -



- fraid of the dark. At the end of the storm is a gold - en sky and the



sweet sil - ver song of a lark. Walk on through the wind, walk on through the



rain, tho' your dreams be tossed and blown. Walk on, walk on with hope in your



heart and you'll Nev - er Walk A - lone, You'll Nev - er Walk A - lone.

The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

Priest: God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. This we ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading

Paul Maranger

Reader: A Reading from the Book Genesis.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 22.1-14

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 16 – *George Black*

Nigel Fung

Refrain



I have said to the Most High, "You are my God."

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said, "You are my God, my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

Refrain

O God, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless my God who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. **Refrain**



I have said to the Most High, "You are my God."

O God, I have set you always before me;
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Karen Turner

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

So don't let sin rule in your mortal body, and make you obey its lusts; don't offer the members of your body to sin as weapons of injustice any more. Rather, offer yourselves to God as people alive from the dead, and your bodies to God as weapons for justice. Sin no longer has power over you, for you are now under grace, not under the Law.

Where does all this lead? Just because we are not under the Law but under grace, are we free to sin? By no means! You must realize that when you offer yourselves to someone else in obedience, you are bound to obey that person, whether you subject yourself to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to justice. Thanks be to God, that though once you were slaves to sin, you became obedient from the heart to that rule of teaching imparted to you; freed from your sin, you became forever committed to justice.

I use the following example from human affairs because of your weak human nature. Just as you used to enslave your bodies to impurity and licentiousness for their degradation, now make them stewards of justice for their sanctification. When you were slaves to sin, you felt no need to work for justice. What benefit did you enjoy from these things that you're now ashamed of, all of which lead to death? But now that you are freed from sin and have offered yourselves to God in obedience, your benefit is that you are being made holy; your outcome is eternal life. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 6.12-23

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #572 (Common Praise) “Let There Be Light”



1. Let there be light, let there be un - der - stand - ing,
2. o - pen our lips, o - pen our minds to pon - der,
3. per - ish the sword, per - ish the an - gry judge - ment,
4. hal - low our love, hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs,
5. thy king - dom come, thy spir - it turn to lan - guage,
6. let there be light, o - pen our hearts to won - der,



let all the na - tions gath - er, let them be face to face;
o - pen the door of con - cord o - pen - ing in - to grace;
per - ish the bombs and hun - ger, per - ish the fight for gain;
hal - low their ho - ly free - dom, hal - low - ed be thy name;
thy peo - ple speak to - geth - er, thy spir - it nev - er fade;
per - ish the way of ter - ror, hal - low the world God made.

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The Gospel

Susan Haig

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 10.40-42

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Rt. Rev’d Kevin Robertson

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

Virtual Choir

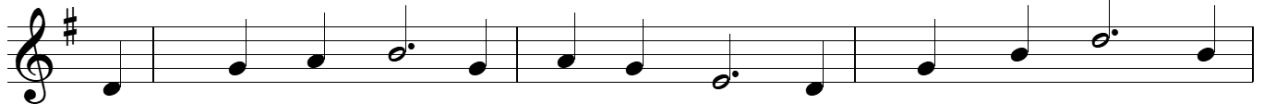
Somewhere over the rainbow way up high there's a land that I heard of once, in a lullaby.
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue and the dreams that you dare to dream really
do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me. Where
troubles melt like lemon drops away above the chimney tops that's where you'll find me.
Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly. Birds fly over the rainbow why, then, oh why can't I?

Words by E.Y. Harburg, Music by Harold Arlen. Transcribed for choir by Paul Langford, as recorded by Pentatonix

Hymn: #710 (Gather) "Abundant Life"

Virtual Choir



1. We can - not own the sun - lit sky, The moon, the wild - flow'rs
2. When bod - ies shiv - er in the night And wea - ry, wait for
3. God calls hu - man - i - ty to join As part - ners in cre -



grow - ing, For we are part of all that is With -
morn - ing, When chil - dren have no bread but tears, And
- a - ting A fu - ture free from want or fear, Life's



- in life's riv - er flow - ing, With o - pen hands re -
war - horns sound their warm - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
good - ness cel - e - bra - ting, That new world beck - ons



- ceive and share The gifts of God's cre - a - tion, That all may have a -
- ty to wake, To join in com - mon la - bour, That all may have a -
from a - far, In - vites our shared en - dea - vour, That all may have a -



- bun - dant life In ev - 'ry earth - ly na - tion.
- bun - dant life In one - ness with their neigh - bour.
- bun - dant life And peace en - dure for - ev - er.

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Music: "How can I keep from
Singing" - Robert Lowry

The Prayers of the People

Chris Ambidge

Leader: In the silences of life, O God, when feeling is beyond saying, your faithful people everywhere wait upon your Spirit. In the silence of joy – when a baby is born, when a sunset blazes, when a loved one is restored to health, when peace replaces strife –

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

In our joy, we wait upon you, O God.

All: We give you thanks and praise.

Leader: In the silence of sorrow – when love is lost, when pain is too constant a companion, when time brings change that is hard to bear, when death seems victorious –

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

In our sorrow, we wait upon you, O God.

All: You alone are our rock and our refuge.

Leader: In the silence of anger – when justice is postponed until tomorrow, when violence shatters body and soul, when prejudice sets neighbor against neighbor, when no one will listen –

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

In our anger, we wait upon you, O God.

All: Teach us the ways of justice and mercy.

Leader: In our joy, our sorrow, our anger, we trust in God's unfailing love and guidance.

All: We rely upon the blessing of being a community of faith, a church universal. Siblings of many colors, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities, we are one in Christ. Together, let us wait upon the God of our salvation. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Steven Mackison

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All: Our Father 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Doxology

Steven Mackison

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

Departing Song: “Better Way” – *Ben Harper*

Mike Daley

I'm a living sunset

Lightning in my bones

Push me to the edge

But my will is stone

'Cause I believe in a better way

Fools will be fools

And wise will be wise

But I will look this world

Straight in the eyes

I believe in a better way

I believe in a better way

What good is a man

Who won't take a stand

What good is a cynic

With no better plan

I believe in a better way

I believe in a better way

Reality is sharp

It cuts at me like a knife

Everyone I know

Is in the fight of their life

And I believe in a better way

Take your face out of your hands

And clear your eyes

You have a right to your dreams

And don't be denied

I believe in a better way

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Steven Mackison

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