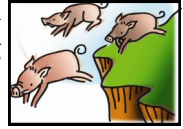


The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—June 20, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding



Welcome!

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

We are glad you are worshipping with us. All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. The second cup contains grape juice. Ushers will guide you into two lines in the center aisle. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

After worship, please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Gathering

THE PRELUDE piano sonata K. 545 I. Allegro Monetauro W.A. Mozart

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ... whose mercy endures forever.

☛ Amen.

☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ Gracious God,

☛ have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

☞ God, ... that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

☛ Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, . . . be with you all.
 ☑ **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray.
 ☑ **O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1–9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

- ☐ A reading from Isaiah:

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
 to be found by those who did not seek me.
 I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
 to a nation that did not call on my name.
 2 I held out my hands all day long
 to a rebellious people,
 who walk in a way that is not good,
 following their own devices;
 3 a people who provoke me
 to my face continually,
 sacrificing in gardens
 and offering incense on bricks;
 4 who sit inside tombs,
 and spend the night in secret places;
 who eat swine's flesh,
 with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
 5 who say, "Keep to yourself,
 do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
 These are a smoke in my nostrils,
 a fire that burns all day long.
 6 See, it is written before me:
 I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
 7their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
 says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
 and reviled me on the hills,
 I will measure into their laps
 full payment for their actions.

8Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, "Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,"
 so I will do for my servants' sake,
 and not destroy them all.

9I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
 and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
 my chosen shall inherit it,
 and my servants shall settle there.

A The word of the Lord. **B** **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 22:19-28

Sung Antiphonally

REFRAIN (sung by choir, then by all; then at each **B** by all)

In the midst of the as-sem - bly I will praise you.

VERSES (light=choir; **bold**=all)

19But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.

20**Deliver me | from the sword,**
my life from the power | of the dog.

21Save me from the | lion's mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

22**I will declare your name | to my people;**
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. **B**

23You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! ☩

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations. ☩

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

☩ A reading from Galatians:

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

☩ The word of the Lord. **☩ Thanks be to God.**

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
 - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Choir: Repeat Alleluia

Return | to your home,* and declare how much God has | done for you.

▮ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

▮ ²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

▮ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #857

THE APOSTLES' CREED Page 105, front of hymnal

THE PRAYERS

Ⓐ Hear us, O God. ☩ **Your mercy is great.**

Sit

THE TEMPLE TALK Jennifer Kilps

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHOIR The Prayer

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Elisabeth Auran

THE OFFERING OF PLEDGE CARDS

THE STEWARDSHIP THEME HYMN As Saints of Old #695

Meal

Stand

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ⓐ God of mercy and grace,

☩ **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help
of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you. ☩ **And also with you.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. ☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☩ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

- Ⓐ It is indeed right, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- Ⓐ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe ... with every breath. ☩ **We praise you, O God.**
- Ⓐ Generations ... into the future. ☩ **We bless you, O God.**

- P We give you thanks ... with us now. C **We thank you, O God.**
 P In the night ... for the remembrance of me.
 Remembering his love ... mystery of faith:
 C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 P We pray ... without end. C **Amen**

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Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body #496
 Come, All You People #819

Sending

Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The bread and blood ... keep you in his grace.
 C **Amen**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Page 174, front of hymnal

- A Let us pray ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 C **Amen**

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.**
The ministers and people exchange a sign of God's peace.
 Peace be with you. R Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
 C **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE piano sonata K. 545 IV. Allegro Vivace W.A. Mozart

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

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