

4th Week of Pentecost
June 20-21, 2026
Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE (w/ *OPTIONAL ANTHEM INCLUDED*)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND (u) PASSING OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "SURELY THE PRESENCE"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace_.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

☞ Amen.

☞ Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

☞ we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

☞ Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

☞ Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1 Great is thy faithfulness, / O God my Father; /
there is no shadow / of turning with thee;
*thou changest not, / thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, / thou forever wilt be.

Ref. Great is thy faithfulness! / Great is thy faithfulness! /
Morning by morning / new mercies I see;
*all I have needed / thy hand hath provided; /
great is thy faithfulness, / Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin / and a peace that endureth, /
thine own dear presence / to cheer and to guide;
*strength for today / and bright hope for tomorrow, /
blessings all mine, / with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

ANTHEM (*SOUTH CAMPUS ONLY*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

G Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE/ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift_ high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

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LESSON OF THE DAY

Romans 6:1b-11

The lesson begins:

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open_ now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

P **The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.**

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE

We will build our lives upon God's love.

It is a firm foundation and we will put our trust in Him Alone and we will not be shaken_.

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

P Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

P Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

- P** Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
- C** Amen.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY “PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY”

Praise to you, O God of mercy; Thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly; thanks be to you forever!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise
- P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy Holy Holy Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might_,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosannah_ in the highest.
Bless'd is He who comes in Your name_,
Hosannah_ in the highest!**

Ⓟ Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

☒ **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

☐ **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

☒ **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ **As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)***

☒ **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ **Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!**

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

(w/ OPTIONAL ANTHEM or HYMN INCLUDED)

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

- 1 This_ is my Father's world, and_ to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and_ round me rings
the mu - sic of the_ spheres.
This is my Father's world; I_ rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of_ skies and seas;
his hand_ the wonders_ wrought.**
- 3 This_ is my Father's world; oh_, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems_ oft so strong,
God is_ the ruler_ yet.
This is my Father's world; why_ should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let_ heaven ring;
God reigns_, let earth be_ glad!**

DISMISSAL

- A** **Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,**
C **To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

N.C.
Unison
Refrain

G

D

A/C#

Bm

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,

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G D Asus4 A

wor - ship His ho - - - ly name.

G Bm G A Bm

Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul.

G A Fine Dsus4 D

I'll wor - ship Your ho - - - ly name.

Verse G D A Asus4 Bm7

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing.
You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
And on that day when my strength is fail - ing.

12 G D A Bm

It's time to sing great Your song a - gain.
Your name is draws near and Your heart is kind.
the end draws near and my heart time has come,

G D A/C# Bm

What - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me.
For all still Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing;
my soul will sing Your praise un - - end - ing,

17 G D D/A A D.C. al Fine D

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - - more.