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19th Sunday after Pentecost



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service  
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,  
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love  
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,**

**following the way of Jesus Christ.**

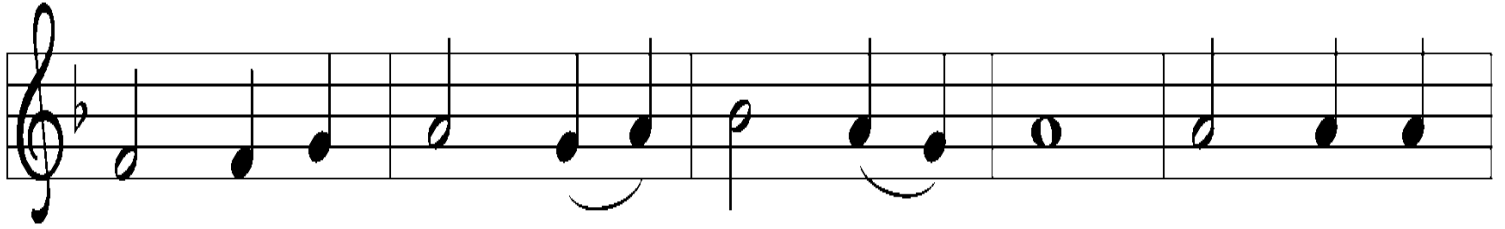
**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

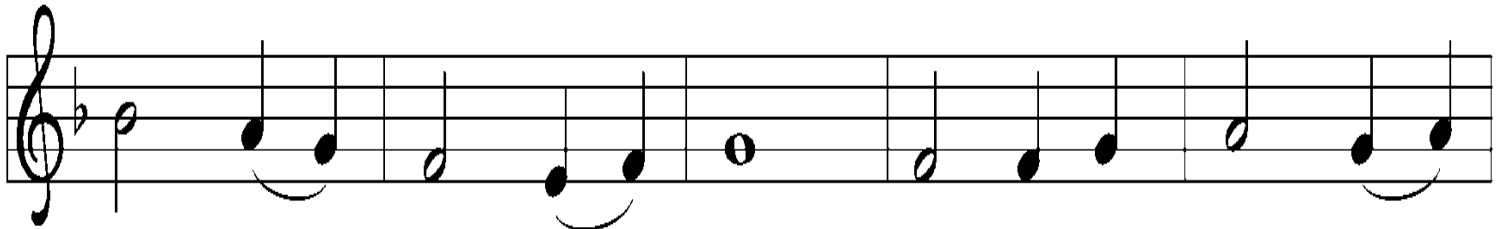
We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,  
in whom there is no condemnation,  
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.  
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**Amen.**

## Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a dotted quarter note, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and includes a repeat sign. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure rest in the treble staff at the beginning of the line. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. It features a final cadence in the treble staff and a double bar line. The bass staff ends with a final chord. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

## **Call to Worship** is from Psalm 80

- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>8</sup> **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.
- <sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- <sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.
- <sup>12</sup> **Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- <sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- <sup>14</sup> **Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**
- <sup>15</sup> behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

*The first reading is from Philippians, the 3rd Chapter*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:  
'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away  
from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The  
one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will  
crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his  
parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

<sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,  
because they regarded him as a prophet.

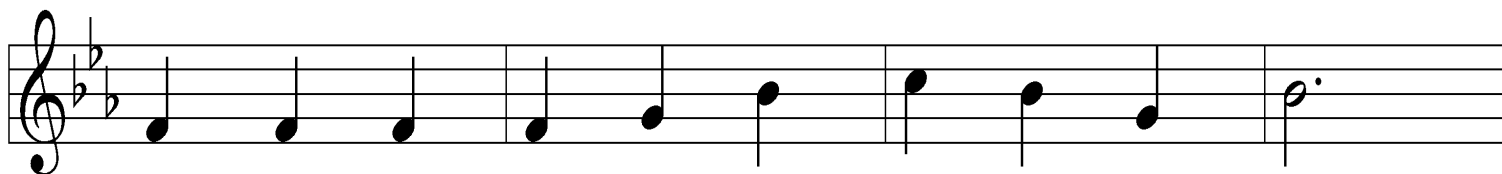
The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON – REV. BOB COTTINGHAM**

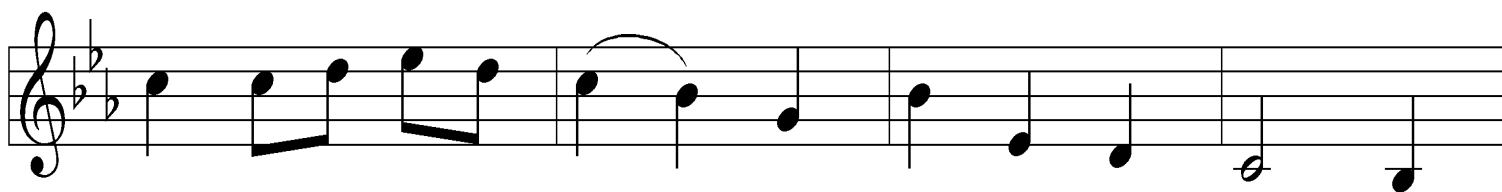
# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,  
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.

Music: SLANE, Irish tune

Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Your mercy is great**)

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

Choir Anthem

## **Offering Prayer**

God of creation,  
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.  
All blessings are from you;  
make us generous with what we have.  
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts  
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,  
today and always. **Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and  
gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you  
and all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome

**Blessing** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,  
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,  
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way,

May God go with you!

May He go before you..to show you the way;

May He go behind you...to encourage you;

Beside you...to befriend you;

Above you...to watch over you;

And within you...to give you His Peace!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**