

June 21, 2020 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

PRELUDE Variations on Amazing Grace John Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

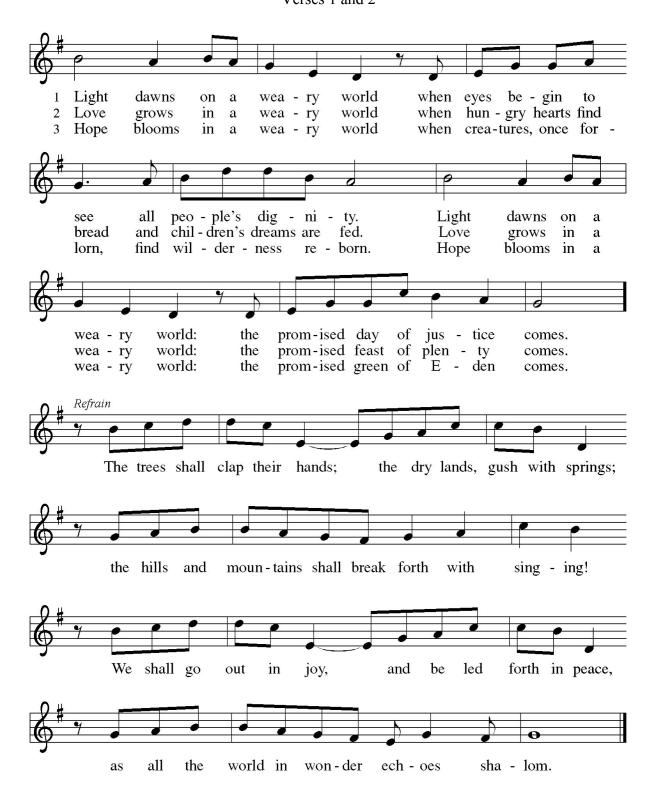
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:10-12

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy word. **MANY: Thanks be to God.**



CONFESSION

ONE: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \(\psi\) one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: God of all times and all places, let the power of the Holy Spirit move among us.

We have sinned, knowingly and unknowingly, and people are suffering because of what we have done and what we have not done.

We are sorry for the ways we have failed to love your people and for the ways we have kept our neighbors from thriving, especially people of color.

Your mercy is great and your love is steadfast, so we humbly repent and name our sins before you, aloud and in our hearts.

silence for reflection

ONE: God, We kneel before you and we place our sins at the foot of the cross.

Give us the courage to speak up when we would be silent.

Help us to work to achieve justice and equity for all of your children.

Grant us the faith to follow your guidance, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

ASSURANCE

ONE: We are all God's children. We will not always be perfect. We will second-guess ourselves, we will try, and sometimes we will fail.

Take heart! God is rich in mercy and justice. The Bible tells us that Jesus loves us. By God's grace our sins are washed away and we are saved.

Be still and know that Jesus is walking the path of life with us, forgiving all of our sins.

MANY: AMEN



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: O God, our liberation,

we seek the power of your spirit that we might live in fuller union with you, ourselves, and our sisters and brothers. Also grant that we may gain courage to love and understand each other.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE Job 14:7-9 & Job 19:23-26

Job prayed to God:

"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground,

yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant.

ONE: And, after talking with Eliphaz and Bildad, Job lamented:

O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!

24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last God will stand upon the earth;

26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **MANY: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris & Steve Graner

SONG OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace on Solid Ground

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1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3) Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day Christ rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come 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,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. AMEN

PRAYERS

ONE: With our whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and injustice, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation...

silence

ONE: Gracious and loving God, your prophets show us how to love: to loosen the bonds of injustice and to free the oppressed. Empower us to create just religious, economic, and judicial systems for people of color. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: As our nation suffers from multiple traumas, our hearts hurt. Help people to reach out to one another, and seek out the help of mental health professionals. Bless our conversations about mental health and show us your light, love, and hope in the midst of hard times. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: People all around the globe are giving of themselves on behalf of this world. Strengthen all who commit themselves to ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to closures. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when violence or virus threatens us. Strengthen all who commit themselves to ending racial inequity. Move us to action, helping our neighbors and the world you love. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING I Know That My Redeemer Liveth George Frideric Handel

from The Messiah

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Grounded in our fierce faith in the God of Life, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

MANY: 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.

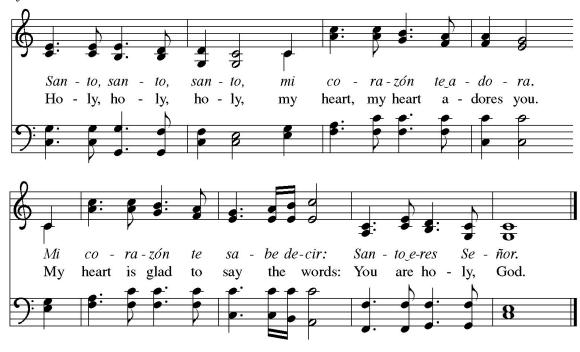
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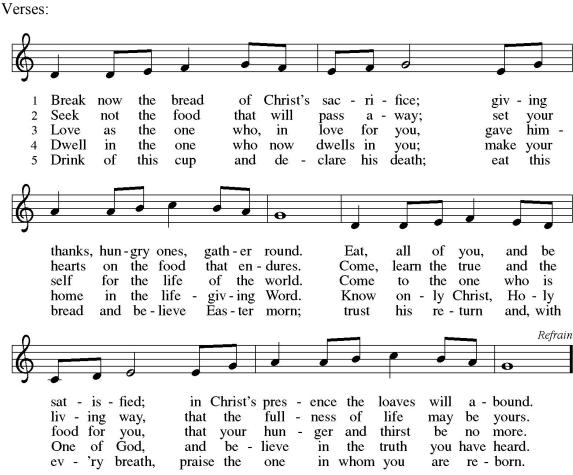
now and forever, AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Bread of Life from Heaven Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain, Verse 5, Refrain

Refrain:





BENEDICTION

ONE: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MANY: AMEN



DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord. **MANY: Thanks be to God!**

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