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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER – *Without the truly good news of the Gospel we cannot see the hard truth that we and all people are poor sinners who deserve nothing but punishment from almighty God. It takes the Gospel to open our eyes wide to the severity of God's Law, which our Savior took on Himself in our stead. In Jeremiah's day, and our own, false prophets proclaim an easy peace that requires little change in our daily living. Now, as when Paul was writing, some people in the Church think the freedom Christ won for us can mean a disregard for God's Law. And when Jesus was calling disciples, He had to warn them (and us) that some of their own family members would actively oppose their following the Lord. But the Gospel announces what is real and good: God has kept all His promises in our Savior Jesus Christ. His death shows the enormity of the punishment we deserve, and His resurrection assures us of eternal life. Because our Lord gave His life for us, with eyes wide open we can lose ourselves in service to Him and with the psalmist "sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever" (Psalm 89:1).*

PRESERVICE MUSIC **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"** by Mark Thallander

WELCOME

[♩Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



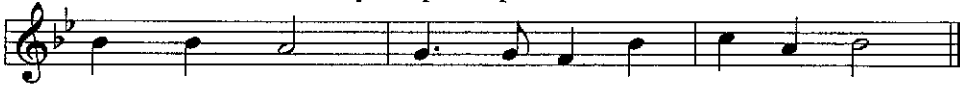
1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter. Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
C who made heaven and earth.
P *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.
P *Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
P *Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 89:15-18; antiphon: v. 1

- P** *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*
C with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
P *Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,*
C who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
P who exult in your name all the day
C and in your righteousness are exalted.
P *For you are the glory of their strength;*
C by your favor our horn is exalted.
P *For our shield belongs to the LORD,*
C our king to the Holy One of Israel.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*

C *with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.*

KYRIE

P *O Lord,*

C *have mercy on us.*

P *O Christ,*

C *have mercy on us.*

P *O Lord,*

C *have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C *And also with you.*

P *Let us pray.*

All: Lord God, we hear voices proclaiming false peace and promising abundant blessings in exchange for our lip service and loving intentions. ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5–9

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 7:1–13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

SOLO SELECTION

“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”

Kristen Hatton

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34–42

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

C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C *Praise to You, O Christ.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Follow Me,” The Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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SERMON

"NO PEACE?"

Matthew 10:34-42

- I. Jesus tells us this morning that He has "not come to bring peace, but a sword."
- II. Jesus first cuts through the lies of false peace to give us His true peace.

♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

- ☩** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances. In Jeremiah's day, most of the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries. Heavenly Father, use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what they lack, until the eyes of world's power brokers are open to see their plight and put people's needs above their own political aspirations. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Prophets regularly "prophesied war, famine, and pestilence." Let us pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term ills or sudden emergencies. Lord Jesus, use compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical*

professionals as they tend those under their care; and open our eyes to see opportunities in which we may serve. [Specific petitions may be added.] Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, "we may bear fruit for God." Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ's name. O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world as we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever. **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. **C** Amen.

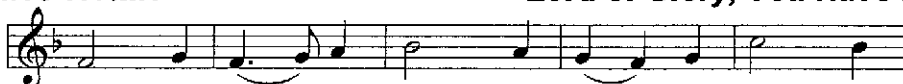
DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

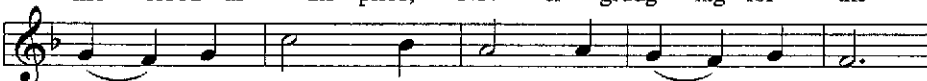
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warm - ed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Kelby Rich*]

POSTLUDE

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

by Lani Smith

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Altar Guild.....Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
Counter..... Carl Kurth
Elder on Duty..... Bob Sees
Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
Special Music..... Kristen Hatton, Soloist
Seating Coordinator..... Al Axford
Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming..... Stuart Ruwet
Usher..... Phil Vandre

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