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Pentecost 12 - 23 August 2020

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN **EvLW #576** *We All are One in Mission*

1. We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
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we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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GREETING

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C:** **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P:** You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ
- C:** **We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.**
- All:** **With glad and grateful hearts, let us worship God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Ever present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and view-points are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build the body of Christ. Reading from Paul's Letter to the church in Rome, the 12th chapter:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12: 1-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the Living God," and Jesus responds with a promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades. This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and

those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Matthew 16: 13-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **EV LW # 791** *We Sing to You, O God*

1. We sing to you, O God,
the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
2. We wandered far from home
out in a desert land,
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.
You kept us safe within your arms
and sheltered us against the storm.
3. You bear us through the world,
an eagle to its young;
you rise up on your wings and bear us toward the sun.
We ride the vaults of light and air
and trust in your unfailing care.
4. O God, eternal God,
we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Separated by distance in our homes and yet confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will end with the phrase "Lord in your mercy" and I invite you to respond with the words, "hear our prayer." (*Pause*)

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you gave us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. In this season of Pentecost we pray for: Ferolyn, Angela, Jordan, Pat, Grace, Joel, Dorothy, Carol, Ruth, Beryl, Karen, Barb, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts. (*Pause*) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us into community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: And now as our Saviour Jesus has taught us we are bold 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.**

BLESSING

P: Touched, changed, called and empowered,
go now in the power and provision of Christ to heal the sick,
feed the hungry, and serve the world.

God the creator, Jesus ✝ the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG EvLW #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Refrain:

*Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. [*Refrain*]
2. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. [*Refrain*]
3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. [*Refrain*]
4. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. [*Refrain*]

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God.