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## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Preparing for Worship

As you prepare for God's action in your life today, set aside the busy-ness and distractions of your everyday routine. We invite you to

- in your Bible or Hymnal, read through today's appointed psalm: **PSALM 119:153-160**
- Review today's Scripture readings in the bulletin
- Focus on the Lord in prayer. Sample prayers are on the inside front cover of the hymnal, or feel free to use our usual pre-service prayer:

### **Prayer before Worship**

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

*Please feel free to participate further in this modified service  
by reading aloud the lines in bold marked for congregational participation*

## **Invocation**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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

## **Confession of Sin**

- 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 We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In the faith God's Holy Spirit gave us, we go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy on me, forgive me of my sins, and lead me to everlasting life. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Grace**

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C **Amen.**

# † Service of the Word †

## Introit

*Psalm 33:11, 18, 22; antiphon: v. 12*

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

C **The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of His heart to all generations.**

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,  
on those who hope in His steadfast love.

C **Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in You.**

**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 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

## Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.  
Lord God, we hear voices proclaiming false peace and promising us blessings in exchange for our lip service and careless good intentions.
- C **Open our ears to hear how deeply grim Your Law is. Open our hearts to be overwhelmed by the mercy You offer because of the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,**
- P who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 7:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:34-42*

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Sermon****“Dividing Love”***Matthew 10:34-42***Apostles' Creed**

C 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 thence 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****Lord's Prayer**

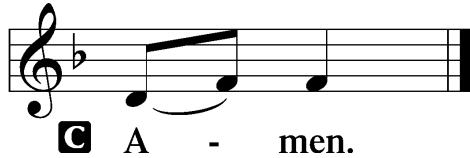
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy  
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us  
this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and  
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Collect**

P God of love and grace, by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of  
Your Son You have freed us from the old life of slavery to sin. You give  
to us His new life of holiness and love.

C Lead us, who are forgiven, raised from spiritual death, and renewed in Jesus, to always walk in newness of the Spirit, bearing faithful fruit for the sake of others and for Your kingdom to come.

P Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



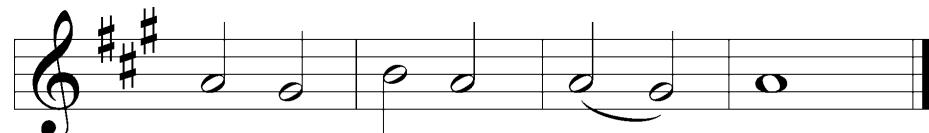
**C** A - men.

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn**     “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” vs. 1-4

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## Sending

P Go in Peace; serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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INDEPENDENCE  
DAY!*