

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The kingdom of God is like...



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"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." ~Galatians 3:28

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Arr. Lloyd Larson

Sylvia Cauter
organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

In respect and repentance toward indigenous peoples, we acknowledge promises broken over the years.

P: As we center ourselves for worship, we acknowledge that we have gathered by water and on land traditionally inhabited by the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people.

SILENCE FOR CENTERING

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**
Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✕ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN**We Are an Offering**

#692

Dwight Liles

A musical score for 'We Are an Offering' in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes three staves of music with corresponding lyrics.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

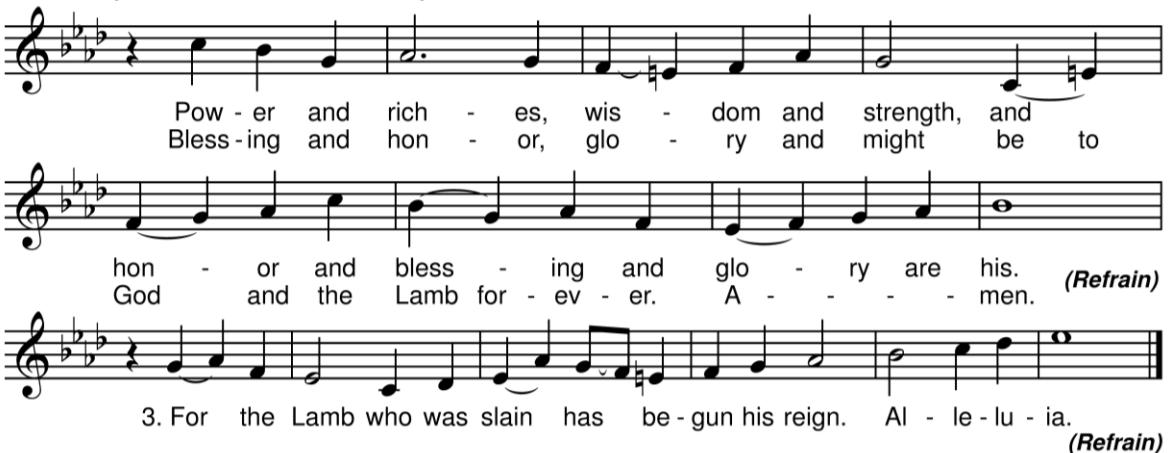
HYMN OF PRAISE

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A musical score for 'This is the feast of victory for our God' in common time. The melody is in C major. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of victory for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood join 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, set us free from of - God. the hymn of cre - a - tion: be peo - ple of God." The score includes four staves of music with corresponding lyrics.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood join
2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, set us free from of - God.
the hymn of cre - a - tion: be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and be to
 Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might, and be to
 hon - or and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - - men. **(Refrain)**
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - - men. **(Refrain)**

3. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
 (Repeat alleluia)

BIBLE READING

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: Word of God for the people of God. C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON & GRADUATION RECOGNITION

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SERMON

Pastor Kent Shane

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: God of compassion, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: In Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how." When we give for the good of God's kin-dom, we are scattering the seeds of the gospel on those we don't even know through the ministries of the church. We don't know (or even need to know) how that kin-dom grows, we just trust that when we do our job (giving), the Spirit will do the Spirit's job (growing). To partner in the work of the Spirit through your giving, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Henry W. Baker

Colleen & Steve Chupik

GOD NOURISHES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Alleluia! God is with you! **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to our God. **C: We give God thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then all will commune together.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G clef, common time. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first two staves are identical, and the third staff continues the melody.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of mercy and grace, we give you thanks that you have filled us with good things at your table. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body in the world, that more and more we may strive to serve your earth and its many peoples and proclaim your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ. C: Amen

GOD SENDS

BENEDICTION

P: God, the Root of hope,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth ✕ bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN***What Is the World Like***

#1047

Adam M.L. Tice/Sally Ann Morris

1. What is the world like when God's will is done? Mus - tard seeds
 2. What is the world like when God's will is done? Wit - ness the
 3. What is the world like when God's will is done? No more is
 4. What is the world like when God's will is done? Read - y for
 5. These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts, filled with the

grow more than we can con - ceive: roots thread the soil; branch - es
 wan - der - ing child com - ing home; watch as the par - ent breaks
 neigh - bor just al - ly or friend; peace thrives in plac - es where
 feast - ing, we watch through the night, tend - ing our lamps till the
 Spir - it who joins us as one. Born through our voic - es, our

reach for the sun. This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 in - to a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 once there was none. This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 new day's be - gun. This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.

SENDING

P: Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: **We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

PFLC VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

PFLC CORE VALUES

Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service

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Reading for next week: Mark 4:35-41