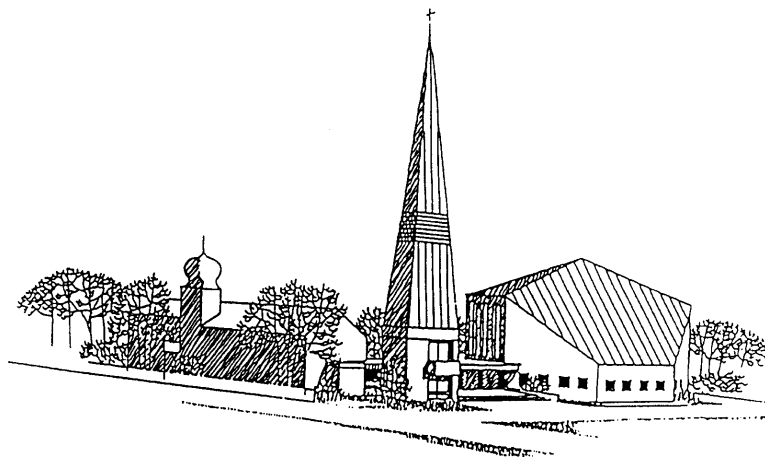


The Holy Eucharist

Gathered and Livestream



The Church of the Ascension *Munich*

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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ORDER OF SERVICE

A warm welcome to all!

***Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom
for the duration of this service.***

The Ringing of the Bells

ORGAN PRELUDE

All are invited to stand

Opening Hymn | I, the Lord of sea and sky

Hymn 812 (W,L & P)

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The bass clef accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line: D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3.

Unison

Vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the first two lines. The vocal line is in unison, starting with a repeat sign. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line as the introduction.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

Vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the final two lines. The vocal line continues with the same melody. The piano accompaniment features a more active treble clef accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord._____ Is it I, Lord?_____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night._____ I will go, Lord,_____

_____ if you lead me,_____ I will hold your peo - ple in my

heart._____ heart._____

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13 *Read in German by Joachim Zeller*

O Lord, you have enticed me,
 and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
 and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
 everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20

Led by Joachim Zeller

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

The Second Reading | Romans 6:1b-11

Read by Barbara Pines

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn | *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Hymn 200



1 Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ hath burst his pri-son,
 3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
 4 Nei-ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,



God hath brought his Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris-en;
 with the roy-al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren-der;
 nor the watch-ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor-tal:



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
 all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
 comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion
 but to-day a-midst thine own thou didst stand, be-stow-ing



led them with un-mois-tened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
 wel-comes in un-wear-ied strains Je-sus' re-sur-rec-tion.
 that thy peace which ev-er-more pass-eth hu-man know-ing.

The Gospel | Matthew 10:24-39

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

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;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

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; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Lois Stuckenbruck, Licensed Lay Preacher

Silence may be kept.

All are invited to stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
especially, Mark our bishop, and Dan and Ali our priests;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
we pray today especially for

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; we remember today

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray in thanksgiving for and;
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; Give us strength to love as you love, to give as you have given, and to bless as you have blessed. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

General Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

The Celebrant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Dr. Alison J. Gray

The Offertory

Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Song | *Arie*

F. Peeters

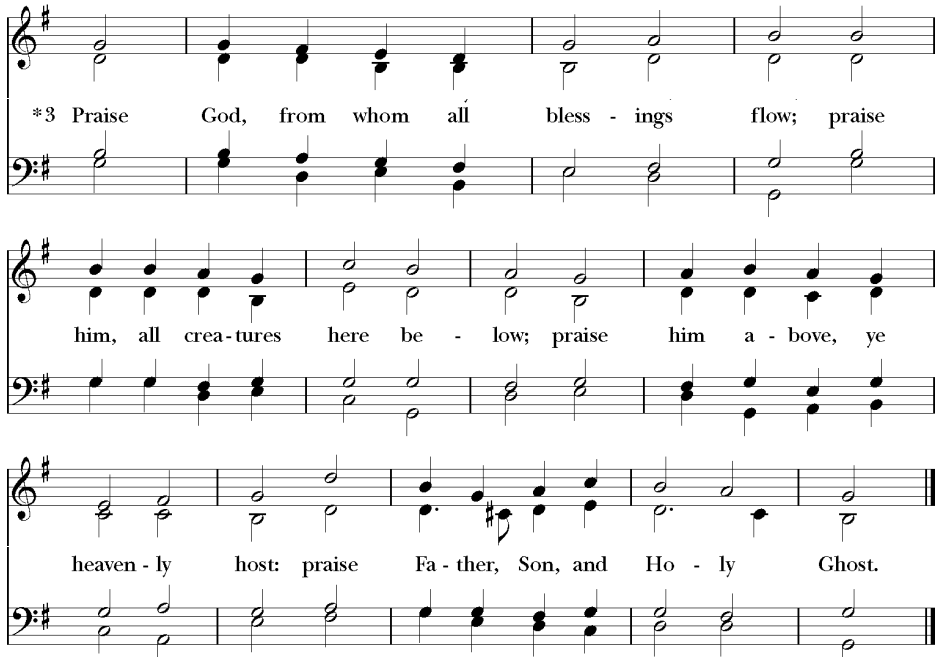
Peter Dalen, Trombone



*Please offer your gifts to God
by making a bank transfer (EUR or USD),
scanning this QR code in your PayPal app,
or by placing your offering in the plate.*

Doxology | *From all that dwell below the skies*

Hymnal 380



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus | *Holy, holy, holy Lord (from "Deutsche Messe")*

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN

The celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion

- We maintain a system of one-way flows. Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you to move forward up the center aisle.
- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.
- After receiving the bread, the chalice will be offered. Following convocation guidelines, intinction (dipping) is not allowed. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may touch the chalice as a sign of reverence, stop and bow to the chalice, or simply return to your seat down the side aisle.

Communion Anthem | *Cantique de Jean Racine*
(Hymn of Jean Racine)

G. Fauré

(Translation)

*Word of God, one with the Most High, in whom alone we have our hope,
Eternal Day of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;*

Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

*O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.*

Communion Hymn | O Lord hear my prayer

Hymn 827 (W, L, & P)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O". The score ends with a "Fine" marking and a repeat sign.

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

Fine

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn | *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

Hymn 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Sending and Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you forever. Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Postlude



*Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall
following the worship service.*

