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## **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RICHMOND HILL**

# *Pentecost 3*

**JUNE 9, 2024**

PRELUDE *Ethan Kwan*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
Full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Eternal God our creator.

**In you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses**

**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we were still sinners,  
and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

**Amen.**

**HYMN ELW 828 ALLELUIA! VOICES RAISE**

**Alleluia! Voices raise, sounding God Almighty's praise**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Hither bring in one consent**

**Heart and voice and instrument**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Now come all before God's face, in God's chorus take your place**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And amid the mortal throng**

**Be you masters of the song**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let in praise of Christ, the sound, run a never-ending round**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That our songs of praise may be**

**Everlasting, as is he**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**So this huge wide orb we see, shall one choir, one temple be**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In the Holy Spirit one,**

**We will sing what God has done.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thus our song shall over-climb, all the bounds of space and time.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Voices raise**

**Sounding God Almighty's praise,**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### GENESIS 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 130

Out of the depths

**I cry to you, O Lord.**

O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications**

If you were to keep watch over sins.

**O Lord, who could stand?**

Yet with you is forgiveness,

**In order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

**in your word is my hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch for the morning,

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

**with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.**

For the Lord shall redeem Israel

**from all their sins.**

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13—5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. The ruler of this world will be driven out.

**And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw all people to myself. Alleluia.**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MARK 3:20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

**HYMN: ELW # 652 BUILT ON A ROCK**

Built on a rock, the church shall stand  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in every land;  
bells still are chiming and calling,  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.

Surely, in temples made with hands  
God the most high is not dwelling;  
high in the heavens his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heaven above  
deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.

Christ builds a house of living stones,  
we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
He in their midst will show his grace,  
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
Hither we come to praise his name,  
Faith in our Saviour confessing.  
Jesus to us his spirit sent  
Making with us his covenant,  
Granting his children the kingdom.

Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
Grant that when church bells are ringing,  
Many may come to hear your Word,  
Who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
You, not the world, my face shall see;  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before you, O God to pray for our communities, ourselves,  
and our world.

*A brief silence*

Lord God, you call your church to be one and teach us that a house  
divided against itself cannot stand. Overcome our separations in the  
body of Christ and make us one diverse family, the siblings of Jesus.  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord God, with you there is forgiveness and hope, and you you're your whole creation. Help us order our lives so that human activity in your creation gives voice to hope. Empower us to bring healing in your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord God, you still walk among us and we still hide ourselves from you out of fear. We withdraw from strangers and those unlike ourselves, the very people you call us to love. Replace our fear with trust and remove conflict and violence between nations, and grant us peace

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord God, your compassion continually reaches into the lives of your people. Visit with lovingkindness those experiencing affliction of every kind. Be with all in need of healing, especially Ingrid, Jean and all we hold in our thoughts and hearts.....

*pause*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Lord God, more than those who watch for the morning, our souls wait and watch for you. In the coming months of summer, help us to be refreshed and at play, watching and waiting for you at every turn.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

*The offering will now be received and may God bless the gifts of your life*

**HYMN DURING OFFERING ELW 462 NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION**

**Now we join in celebration.....at our Saviour's invitation.**

**Dressed no more in spirit somber,  
clothed instead in joy and wonder.**

**For the lord of all existence....putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us,  
with his very life to feed us.**

Lord, as round this feast we gather.....fill our hearts with holy rapture.  
For this bread and cup of blessing,  
are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry.....of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence,  
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion.....as one family of God's children.  
Reconciled with you, our brother,  
one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others.....serving all, both friends and strangers,  
seeking justice, love and mercy,  
till you come in final glory.

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your  
table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ,  
our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
In the harmonious world of your creation  
The plants and animals, the seas and stars  
Were whole and well in your praise.  
When sin had scarred the world  
You sent your Son to heal our ills  
And to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord 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.  
Remembering therefore, his acts of healing,  
His body given up, and his victory over death,  
We await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
Will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal;  
As grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
So let your church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
That all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honour is yours, Almighty God,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words  
"the body of Christ given for you" "the blood of Christ shed for you"*

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: ELW # 537 ON OUR WAY REJOICING**

**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.**

**Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.**

**Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;**

**who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

*Refrain:* **On our way rejoicing, as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father, joyful songs we sing;**

**unto God the Saviour, thankful hearts we bring;**

**unto God the Spirit, bow we and adore,**

**on our way rejoicing, now and evermore. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live and love in the truth and joy of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Ethan Kwan*