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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



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*Fourth Sunday*  
*After Pentecost*

# Gathering

## ✠INTRODUCTION

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

## ✠CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C **God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

## ✠HYMN OF REFLECTION – You Servants of God (ELW #825)

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
 Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
 fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
 all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
 all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
 and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

### ✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Let us pray. O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

## Word

### ✠FIRST LESSON – Job 38:1-11

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? — <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble**

<sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;**

<sup>24</sup>they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;

<sup>27</sup>**they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits' end.**

<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;

<sup>29</sup>**he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

<sup>30</sup>Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

## ✠ SECOND LESSON – 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found

with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### ✠ **GOSPEL – Mark 4:35-41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ✠ **SERMON**

## ✠HYMN OF THE DAY – Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW #773)

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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## ✠PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P We join together in prayer before God.

*A brief silence.*

P O God of our salvation, we praise you for your continual mercy to the church. Hold the ark of the church in your loving hand, give our leaders endurance through all manner of hardship, and guide us in the way that we should go. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P At this time of the summer solstice, we praise you for the magnificence of nature. Hold the cosmos in your loving hand. Inspire us to care for your wonderful works seen in ocean deeps, in lakes, in rivers, and in wells. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the good that we receive in this nation. Purge from us prejudice against those who differ from us in any way. On this World Refugee Day, we pray that refugees travel in safety and reach the promise of a better life for their families. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for gladsome opportunities to travel on rivers, lakes, and seas. Protect all who sail on your waters, and keep coastal dwellers safe from tempests and rising sea levels. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the loving support of fathers to their children. Bless fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, godfathers, and all of each gender who give fatherly care. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot father a child. Wherever children are deprived of fathers, provide responsible and affectionate care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for the lessening of the pandemic, and we pray for all around the globe who continue to face the coronavirus. Open wide our hearts to all who suffer. Send healing to any who are sick, especially those we name here before you now, silently or aloud. . . .Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for yet another Sunday, for another week before us. In all our doings, lead us and guide us, and mercifully accept our personal petitions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for all who died in the faith, and we ask that at our end you unite us with all saints in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We praise you for your steadfast love, and we lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ✠PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

# Meal

## ✠GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

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### ✠ Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

### ✠ 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.**

### ✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#### ✠ COMMUNION HYMN – Calm to the Waves (ELW #794)

Calm to the waves.  
Calm to the wind.  
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."  
Balm to our hearts.  
Fears at an end.  
In stillness, hear his voice.

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### ✠ BLESSING

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠SENDING HYMN – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (ELW #767)

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| 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me<br>upon life's way;<br>direct, protect, and feed me<br>from day to day.<br>Without your grace and favor<br>I go astray;<br>so take my hand, O Savior,<br>and lead the way. | 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen<br>and night has come,<br>I know that you will strengthen<br>my steps toward home,<br>then nothing can impede me,<br>O blessed Friend!<br>So, take my hand and lead me<br>unto the end. |
| 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,<br>I need not fear;<br>for you, the Rock of Ages,<br>are always near.<br>Close by your side abiding,<br>I fear no foe,<br>for when your hand is guiding,<br>in peace I go.  |   |

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## ✠DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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