



**The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, 2020**

**Welcome**

**Opening Songs**

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
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*Clean*

I see shattered You see whole  
I see broken but You see beautiful  
And You're helping me to believe  
You're restoring me piece by piece

There's nothing too dirty  
That You can't make worthy  
You wash me in mercy I am clean  
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That You can't make worthy  
You wash me in mercy I am clean

What was dead now lives again  
My heart's beating beating inside my chest  
I'm coming alive with joy and destiny  
'Cause You're restoring me piece by piece

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That You can't make worthy  
You wash me in mercy I am clean  
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That You can't make worthy  
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Washed in the blood of Your sacrifice  
Your blood flowed red and made me white  
My dirty rags are purified I'm clean  
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**Opening Acclamation**

*Clergy* O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
*All* **we praise you!**

*Clergy* You made the earth and all that lives here:  
*All* **we praise you!**

*Clergy* You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to all people:  
*All* **we praise and thank you, O God!**

*Clergy* That the eyes of the blinded be opened, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought out of darkness, the wealth of the world serve the good of all,  
*All* **your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!**

*Clergy* Then let us sing a new song to God.  
*All* **With joy let us honor our maker.**

### Collect of the Day

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Clergy* Let us pray.

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### Reading

**Acts 11:27-12:3**

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 7:1-10

- 1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you;  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things:  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil,  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me,  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.

- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath;  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice;  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High;  
O LORD, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O LORD,  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous;  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

### Gospel Song

From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will  
Through this dark and trou - bled land, You will guide me with Your hand as I  
stand on ev - 'ry pro - mise of Your word. Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for  
stand on ev - 'ry pro - mise of Your word.  
me, grace for all who will be - lieve, we will stand on ev - 'ry pro - mise of Your word.

From the breaking of the dawn  
To the setting of the sun  
I will stand on every promise of Your word  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on every promise of Your word  
Grace sufficient grace for me  
Grace for all who will believe  
We will stand on every promise of Your word

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:20-28

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

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to [Jesus] with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He

said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People**

*Leader*        To God who so loved the world, let us pray with hearts full of love.

*(A brief silence)*

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for Grace Church in Copenhagen and their rector the Rev. Holly Evans; and Grace and Holy Spirit Church in Cortland and their rector the Very Rev. Peter Williams. In our Diocese, we pray especially for all those in our diocese who reside in Nursing Homes or Health Care Facilities. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Pray for Iglesia de San José, in El Congo and their priest The Rev. Germán López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Alabama and their bishop the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and their Bishop the Rt. Rev. Ronald Wayne Cutler. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For peace among all peoples of the earth: may God redeem us from the slavery of selfishness. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For the health and sustainability of the earth and all living things: may we grow as stewards of the marvelous gift you have given in all of creation. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For this nation and our local communities: may we continually seek to offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support until all people live in justice and freedom. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those who suffer from any illness, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration.

Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those we have loved but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May they live forever with God in Christ. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

*Clergy* Hear our prayers, loving and gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Music for Reflection**

*Wade in the Water*

Wade in the Water  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the Water  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

See St. James upon this shore  
God's a-gonna trouble the water  
Serving two hundred years and more  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

Wade in the Water  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the Water  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

Thankful for rich history  
God's a-gonna trouble the water  
Commitment to mission and ministry  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

Wade in the Water  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the Water  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

Children, youth, and grown-ups too  
God's a-gonna trouble the water  
Changing lives through the things we do  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

Wade in the Water  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the Water  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

God's call is bigger than we can see  
God's a-gonna trouble the water  
Building homes and minds and youth, these three  
God's a-gonna trouble the water

Wade in the Water  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the Water  
God's a-gonna trouble the water!

### **The 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. 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.**

### **Prayer for mission**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Anniversary & Birthday Blessings**

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.**

*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

### **Blessing**

*Clergy* Now go in peace,  
do what God wills,  
follow where Christ calls,  
pray for the gifts of the Spirit;  
and may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer  
Rest on and remain with you now and always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Closing Song

### *Sing Sing Sing*

(We will) sing sing sing  
And make music with the heavens  
We will sing sing sing Grateful that You hear us  
When we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus

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What's not to love about You  
Heaven and earth adore You  
Kings and kingdoms bow down  
Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

You are the love that frees us  
You are the light that leads us  
Like a fire burning  
Son of God You are the One  
You are the One we're living for

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## Dismissal

*Clergy* God has told us what is good and right;  
Live justly,  
Love kindly,  
Walk with God.

*All* **Amen. Alleluia. Thanks be to God.**

*Additional sources for today's liturgy:*  
Iona Abbey Worship Book