

Sunday June 28, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Proper 8, Year A
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee

VOLUNTARY

Deep River

Samuel Coleridge Taylor [5'42"]
(1875-1912)
Transc. Maud Powell

pre-Liturgy of the Word announcements

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The process from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant † Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory † of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Jeremiah 28:5-9

[Laura Copeland 1.40]

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

[Rose and Billy Ballard 1.36]

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

So, since we're out from under the old tyranny, does that mean we can live any old way we want? Since we're free in the freedom of God, can we do anything that comes to mind? Hardly. You know well enough from your own experience that there are some acts of so-called freedom that destroy freedom. Offer yourselves to sin, for instance, and it's your last free act. But offer yourselves to the ways of God and the freedom never quits. All your lives you've let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in *his* freedom!

I'm using this freedom language because it's easy to picture. You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing—not caring about others, not caring about God—the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness?

As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right *anything* for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.

But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is *real life*, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

THE SERMON – The Reverend Dr. Paula B. Smith
A moment of silence and reflection follows the response

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, You bid us to choose between living now in false comfort or with division by walking in the newness of Christ. Keep us grounded and honest, strong in our faith, willing to bear the cost in this life for the promise of Jesus in the next.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, lift the hearts and souls of those anointed to guide your Church through these trying times. Grant them unceasing energy to inspire discipleship worthy of Christ. We pray especially for: Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; John, the Bishop of Tennessee; Paula Smith, the senior pastor of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church; and the clergy of Christ Church Cathedral—Timothy, Lissa, Matthew, Roger, and Richard.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, give us the courage to be what we expect and demand of political leaders in this world, across this country, in Tennessee and in Nashville. Strengthen us to work in large and small ways to end quarreling, power plays, personal and institutional racism, and violence that separates and destroys us here and across the world. We pray especially for: Donald, the President of the United States; Bill, the Governor of Tennessee; and John, the Mayor of Nashville.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, We pray for the United Church of North India, the Most Reverend Dr. Prem Chand Singh, Moderator of CNI, and Bishop of Jabalpur. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. Matthew's, McMinnville.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we pause in this moment to remember all who have suffered for the sake of conscience; save them from despair and give us grace that our society may be cleansed and strengthened.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, comfort and help all who are seriously ill, struggling with addiction, or experiencing homelessness, and grant an extra blessing on all who provide support and assistance. For all in need of comfort, companionship, and healing, especially Susan, Geoffrey, Ted, Patti, Tom, Rachel, Al, Laura, John, Benetta, Henry, Elaine, Alvin, Ann, Dennis, Jennifer, Christopher, Sandra, Asha, Faraji, Michael, Kathy, Michael, Mavis, Mickey, Janet, Glynis, Adu, Conway, David, John, Bonnie, Margaret, and Delores;

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

We give thanks for those who were Confirmed and Received on June 24: Brad Daugherty, Heather Daugherty, Virginia Fleming, Jackson Kirkby, Zanol Simmons, Rhys MacMillan, Bailey Beller, Julia Sussman, Samuel McFadden, Emma Spuehler, Cooper Peterson, Davis Brewer, and Samuel Wible.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we pause in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials [silence]. We pray for our sister congregation, Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church, for their companionship and witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we for the † faithful departed, for the repose of their souls and the consolation of their families. We pray especially for Lawrence W. (Larry) Travis, husband of Sharon Travis.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

Celebrant: O Lord, our God, rescue us from the desert of denial, open our eyes to the wellspring of your Holy Spirit, awaken our hearts to live first for Christ, and teach us to walk without shame or fear in your light and love. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, the Sin-Bearer; and in the name of the Holy Spirit, the Fount of all Wisdom; who together with you are One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Then the Deacon says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

**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 stands and says

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



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SOLO AT THE OFFERTORY

Sonata no. 3 in C major *BWV 1005*

Johann Sebastian Bach [3’20”]
(1685-1750)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, Celebrant proceeds

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed † is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues.

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.**

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed.

DUET AT THE DISTRIBUTION Duo for Violin and Piano Opus 22, no. 1 Clara Schumann [2'45"]
(1819-1896)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia [2'27"]

You are invited to sing along at home.

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone

Celebrant

Do not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time into God's way of doing things; and the blessing of God Almighty † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in F major Opus 1, no. 12
Allegro

George Frideric Handel [2'12"]
(1685-1759)

The Cathedral Welcomes Guest Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Paula B. Smith, Senior Pastor, Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church



The Reverend Dr. Smith obtained a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Committed to remaining on the cutting edge of ministry, Paula received a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in the Wesley, Mission, Evangelism Tract in May 2018.

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Matthew W. Lewis, *Assistant to the Rector*

PREACHER

The Reverend Dr. Paula B. Smith, *Senior Pastor, Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church*

DEACON

The Reverend Lissa Smith, *Associate for Pastoral Care and Cathedral Life*

ASSISTING

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*
James Wilson, *Seminarian-in-Residence*

GOSPELLER

The Reverend Charles Hall, *Chaplain, the Episcopal School of Nashville;*
Assistant to the Rector St. Bartholomew's, Nashville

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Canon Dr. Michael Velting, *Organist and Choirmaster*
Melissa Rose, *Piano*
Jacob Schafer, *Violin*

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