

Morning Prayer

Proper 7, Pentecost 3

June 21, 2020

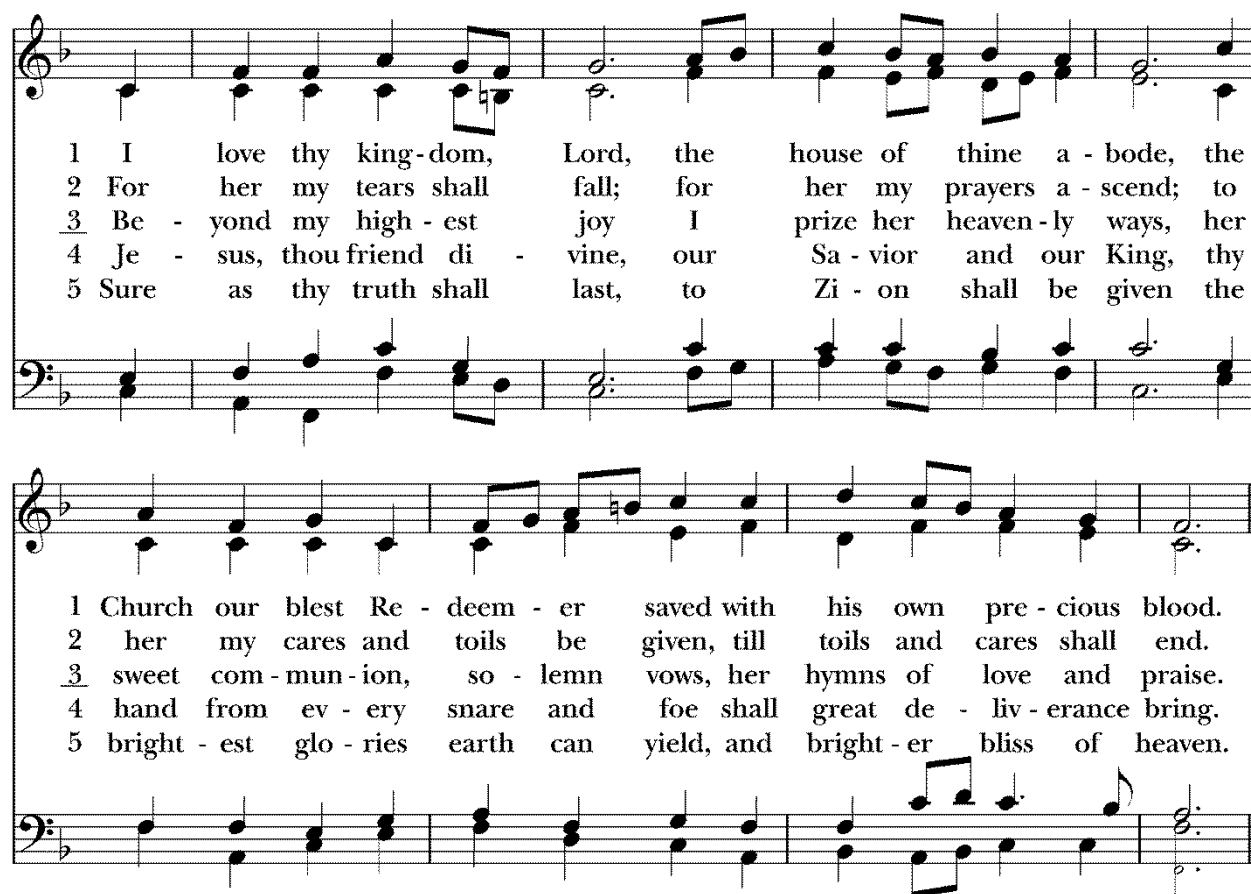
Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord



1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the 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.**

The Priest then says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Christ has triumphed over death;
O come let us worship.

Venite: Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God, *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Psalm 69:8-20

⁸Surely, 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.

¹⁰Zeal 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.

¹²I put on sack-cloth also, *

and became a byword among them.

¹³**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, ***

and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹⁴But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *

at the time you have set, O LORD:

¹⁵**"In your great mercy, O God, ***

answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁶Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *

let me be rescued from those who hate me

and out of the deep waters.

¹⁷**Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,**

neither let the deep swallow me up; *

do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁸Answer 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.

²⁰Draw near to me and redeem me; *

because of my enemies deliver me."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁷O 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.
⁸For 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.
⁹If 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.
¹⁰For 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."
¹¹But 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.
¹²O 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.
¹³Sing 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.**

Canticle 18: A Song of to the Lamb

The Reader, the People's Respondent, and the People

Splendor and honor and royal power *
are yours by right, O God Most High,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a royal priesthood to serve our God.
And so, to the One who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he

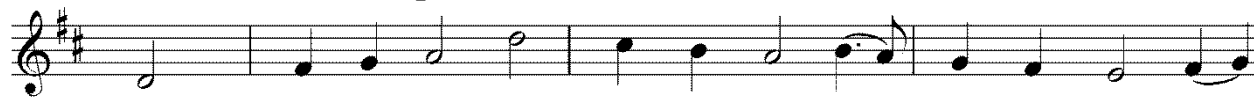
lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Hymn

Tune: *Mit Freuden zart*

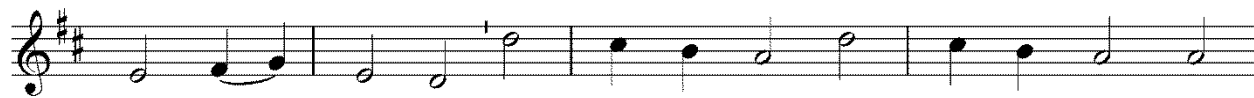
All who believe and are baptized



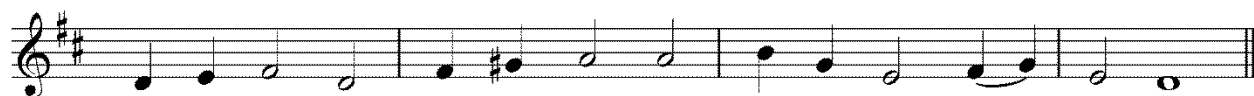
1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: grant us thy Ho - ly



va - tion; bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, each is a
Spi - rit; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's re-demp-tion we shall stand a -
blood and mer - it. Grant us to grow in grace each day that



among the glo - rious heaven - ly band of ev - ery tribe and na - tion.
as is prom - ised here we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Third Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

A Reading from Matthew.

[Jesus said to the twelve apostles,] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it 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!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the

body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For 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;
³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever 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; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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.**

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by

adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings

Presider We have been united with Christ in his death, and made one with him in his resurrection. In this newness of life, we raise our hearts in joyful prayer, responding, “Kyrie eleison.”

Intercessor For the Church and her peoples, especially for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Julio, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our sisters and brothers worshipping at Grace Church, Southgate, and St Aidan’s, Michigan Center. May we honestly name the crosses that impede our work and ministry, so that we may focus once again upon the sovereignty of Christ, who is the source of all our blessings; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

That we may be softened by the remembrance of personal darkness and despair, and give generously to the relief of the hungry and fearful, the sick, and those who work multiple jobs yet still struggle to provide for the basic necessities of life; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For all who hold positions of public trust and responsibility, that they may serve the common good with integrity and sound moral judgment; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For those who are fleeing, or being cast out of their native lands through political chaos, religious persecution, war and famine, natural disasters, and reasons that remain unknown,

that they may find receptive places as they search for a new home; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For those who have died, [especially _____], that they may join the community of saints, in whose fellowship we will one day reside; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

Let us endure faithfully in the practice of intercession, as we give you thanks for _____. We pray for the sick, and for those in any need or trouble: _____.

Silence is kept.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; for this we pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Priest In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate us from you. **Amen.**

The Presider then says

My brothers and sisters, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: **Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us**

in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Chorus Book 70

I have decided to follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me; The world be -
3. Tho' none go with me, _____ still I will fol - low; Tho' none go
4. Will you de - cide now _____ to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low
hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be -
with me, _____ still I will fol - low; Tho' none go with me, _____ still I will
cide now _____ to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now _____ to fol - low

Je - sus; No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back.
fore me; No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back.
fol - low; No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back.
Je - sus? No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back.

Dismissal and Blessing

Priest Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And the blessing of God, + Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, be with you, now and forever.
Amen.

Presider Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Postlude

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Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey

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Watch Bishop Bonnie Perry's sermons, <https://www.edomi.org/whatsheaid/sermons/>

Watch Washington National Cathedral's live-streamed Eucharist and Daily Office services, <https://cathedral.org/calendar/>

Join in a short, weekly, meditation with Presiding Bishop Curry here: <https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

Upcoming Commemorations

June 22 Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304
25 James Weldon Johnson, Poet, 1938
26 Isabel Florence Hapgood, Translator, Ecumenist, and Journalist, 1929
27 Cornelius Hill, Priest and Chief among the Oneida, 1907

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Middle hymn: Text at Hymnal #298 ; Tune *Mit freuden zart*, at Hymnal #408

Concluding prayer at the Intercessions adapted from *The Armed Forces Prayer Book*, 1951.



Scripture preparation for June 28, 2020: Pentecost 4, Proper 8A

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Genesis 22:1-14

The Binding of Isaac may present one of the most well-known and most challenging stories of the entire Bible. Biblical scholars have wide-ranging methods of either discounting or explaining away the horrific image of God asking a father to sacrifice his son—a notion that is almost unthinkable to us. Rather than trying to justify or condemn this action, let me provide a bit of background and share a few ideas, and then, as people of faith, we will do what we have always done: We will prayerfully consider the story together and call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us to some deeper understanding of God through it.

First of all, we must remember that the first fruits have always belonged to God. This was true of the harvest, the cattle, and human offspring. In the Ancient Near East, human sacrifice was fairly common, and although it was slowly fading by the time Genesis was written, it was not unknown. The rationale was that everything we have is because of God's gifting it to us, and we are to return the first and best to God as a sign of thanksgiving. Given Sarah and Abraham's infertility, Isaac was not only the first-born but the miraculous and valuable first-born. God sets out to test Abraham's faith, and, through that testing, God provides Abraham with all he needs. Out of bareness, God provides a son. God tests Abraham's faith, and God provides the means to maintain blessing in the face of sacrificial testing.

- What does it mean to offer the first fruits of our lives to God?
- Without going so far as to glorify suffering, where has God provided for you in times of suffering?
- Does God test us? What is helpful or problematic about this strong Biblical theme? (See Job, or The Lord's Prayer—"lead us not into temptation.")

Psalms 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How many times in my life have I prayed this prayer? From the comparatively trivial times when the cop pulls me over for speeding, to the horrors of natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina, or the wildfires in California, there are times in life when it feels like God is far from us. Note that the psalmist believes that God has forgotten her "forever." For the psalmist, this is not a temporary blip on the weather radar, but a permanent state wherein she feels as if God's presence is so far removed that it will never return.

The psalms give us the incredible gift of raw, unvarnished human emotion. They remind us that God's love for us does not mean that we live in a world of perfection without pain and suffering. This idea of human suffering in the presence of a loving god—theodicy—has perplexed followers of God for thousands of years. Yet we, like the psalmist, are called to recognize that pain and still ring out our song to "praise the name of the Lord Most High." There is no shame in lament, for God laments with us; therefore, the Lord's name be praised.

- When is a time in your life where you felt God was absent?
- How were you able, or were you able, to continue to praise God?
- How might lament bring healing in times of suffering?

Romans 6:12-23

This passage from Paul's most theologically dense letter always recalls images of the Exodus for me, and, in particular, Moses' farewell address in Deuteronomy 30. Having led the people out of bondage in Egypt, God offers the people a choice between "life and prosperity, death and adversity" (Deut 30:15). In summary, if the people love God and follow God's commandments, they will have life. If they do not, they will have death.

Likewise, Paul uses the imagery of slave either to sin or to righteousness. To our post-American slavery ears, this can sound harsh or even inhumane. We must never excuse or explain away the horrific sin of American slavery, but Paul means something different here. Just as God told the Hebrew people going into the Promised Land, God has given us teachings through the Law and through Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the Law, which will lead us into a place of life and abundance. In particular, this “free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 6:23). Jesus’ whole life, culminating in his death and resurrection, was a testament to the Law which he summarized as “You shall love the Lord your God with all our heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind . . . [and] you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Mt 22:37–39).

- Where in your life are you a slave to sin?
- How might obedience to God deliver you from that position into life?
- Where is our church/town/state/nation a slave to sin, and how might obedience to God deliver us into life?

Matthew 10:40-42

These two verses at the end of Chapter 10 of Matthew conclude a treatise from Jesus to his disciples on the role of mission. Jesus gathers the twelve, gives them the powers of healing and exorcism, and sends them into the world to cast out demons and heal (Mt 10:1). Jesus then warns his disciples that in performing these acts of love, they will meet persecution and disdain.

Jesus still commands us, his 21st-century followers, to share the Good News of Jesus, which brings healing and life to the world. This may not make us popular, and neither will the work be easy. In these two verses appointed for today, however, Jesus reveals the rewards for those who are faithful. Notice that these rewards do not include wealth, fame, or worldly goods. Our reward is “the reward of the righteous” (Mt 10:41). God calls each of us to spread the Gospel in different ways—some are wandering prophets, some are teachers, some are even little children. All of us, however, carry the light of Christ and can take that light into the dark places of this world.

- What are your gifts, and how might you use them to spread the light of Christ?
- What brings you great joy? How might God use that joy to spread the Gospel?
- Where are the dark areas in your community that need the light of Christ?

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