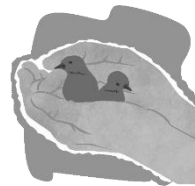


## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Praise of a Trapped Prophet/Father's Day  
June 21, 2020

### AS WE GATHER

It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "Do not be afraid," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!"

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### SOLO - Minister Terry Dale

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before the Lord this Father's Day to be strengthened in faith and to be witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. Let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

### HYMN OF PRAISE MUSIC "Faith of Our Fathers"

628 – Verse 2

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.  
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 20:7–13* (Jeremiah's complaint)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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## GRADUAL *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. On Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness.

## EPISTLE *Romans 6:12–23* (Slaves to righteousness)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE *Matthew 10:32*

Leader: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.  
People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33* (Do not be afraid.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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## SERMON

## CREED **The Nicene Creed**

**People:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and

was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Leader:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For the Holy Church throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For this nation, that God's gracious Word have free course and that His righteousness prevails, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For all people, that we be preserved from discord and strife, that God grant us protection in every time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and dying, and for those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Individual petitions may be added here.*

**Pastor:** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**OFFERING (Members will bring their Tithes and Offering and place it in the Tithe Box)**

**OFFERTORY HYMN MUSIC "I Surrender All To Jesus" – 456 - Verse 5**

## **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

### **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

*[Colossians 3:1]*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*[Psalm 136]*

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You.

**SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy – (Music Only) 412 – Verse 2

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## **PRESENTATIONS – Mrs. Shawntaye Edwards**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

## **MUSIC**