

**Welcome!** As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

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## **The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 16, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

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*Note: The text of this liturgy comes from Enriching Our Worship, an authorized supplement to the Book of Common Prayer. Some of the text varies from the standard Rite II liturgy many may be familiar with. The service is not redacted so that worshippers may follow the liturgy in its entirety.*

### Prelude

Opening Hymn      *"How wonderful and great thy works, God of praise!"*      Hymn #533

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

Kyrie

from Freedom Mass

Leader Ky - ri - e

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri -

Christ - te e e - le - i - son. Christ - te e - le - i -

son. Ky - ri - e Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -

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## The Collect

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Reader: A reading from (Ezekiel 17:22-24)*

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
    from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
    from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
    on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
    I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
    and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
    in the shade of its branches will nest  
    winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
    that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
    I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
    and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

*The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.*

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in a simple, hymn-like style. The first staff contains the notes for 'The righ-teous shall spread a - broad like a', with a triplet of eighth notes under 'righ-teous'. The second staff contains the notes for 'ce - dar of Leb - a - non.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

*The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;  
on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.  
For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.    ***Antiphon***

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;  
that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no  
injustice.    ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

*Reader: A reading from (2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 11-13, 14-17)*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the

judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Sequence Hymn            “*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*”            Hymn #296

The Gospel  
(*Mark 4:26-34*)

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Eggert

Nicene Creed

*\*Asterisks indicate a variance from the Book of Common Prayer.*

**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,  
\*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
\*and became truly human.**

**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,\*\***

**\*who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**\*who 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.**

### Prayers of the People – Form II

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for the Presiding bishop nominees, Matthew our diocesan Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; for Joseph the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine; and all those running for office.

Pray for justice and peace.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, [especially\_\_\_\_\_]; for] the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially\_\_\_\_\_ ],

Pray for those who have died.

**Christ, have mercy.**

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives [especially\_\_\_\_\_ ].

Pray for God’s blessing on all people.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored; for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the Saints.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

**Christ, have mercy.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept for reflection.*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,**

**opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,**

**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**

**the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**

**through our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**that we may abide in your love**

**and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and 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 Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### Announcements



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

*Psalm 50:14*

### Offertory

*Celebrant:* All things come of Thee, O Lord

*People:* **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

from Freedom Mass

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system begins with a melodic phrase for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of'. The second system continues with 'pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third system concludes with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line.



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*The people may kneel or stand*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross

the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,

Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary,  
blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever.



## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

## Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

## Communion

*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.

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.*

*If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.*

Communion Hymn

*“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”*

Hymn #302

Post-communion Prayer

*The people kneel, if able.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us**

**with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us**

**with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one**

**with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth**

**in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever**

**in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

*People* **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

*Celebrant* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

*“Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth”*

Hymn #598

Dismissal

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord.  
If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

**TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYE:** Michelle and Sofia Reyes

**ALTAR GUILD:** Kathy Thompson

**FIRST READER:** Cindy Ganzel

**SECOND READER:** David Lang

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Becky Turk

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Cindy Ganzel

**USHERS:** Darice Griffin, David Groth

**CANTOR:** Jim Cook

**SUPPLY ORGANIST:** Jim Sodke

**COFFEE HOUR:** Men of the Church

**NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

For our Parish

**For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Pam, Jack, Neil, Olivia, Bill, Katie,  
Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias **Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne

**For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:**

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's, Diocese of Milwaukee Hospitality Center  
Racine Vocational Ministry, The DeKoven Center

**For the Church: In the World**

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile  
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti  
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

**Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Racine Vocational Ministries**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Darice Griffin to the glory of God and in celebration of Father's Day & Juneteenth Day.

### **Garden Angels Request**

The Garden Angels who plant the beautiful flowers in our showpiece garden have asked for donations to purchase flowers for the Spring/Summer planting. If you can contribute to this wonderful cause, please see Debbie Bruno or mail your donation to the church office. On memo write "Garden Flowers." Thank you!



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