

**HOLY EUCHARIST ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(PROPER 12)**

The Apostolic Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Act of Praise

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (CP 528)

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider Let us pray.

O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and ever.

People **Amen.**

Children's Message

The First Reading (Genesis 21.8-21)

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis:

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (86.1-10, 16-17)

Introduction

Turn to me; save the child of your hand - maid.

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- (1) Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
- (2) for I am poor and in misery.
- (3) Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
- (6) save your servant who puts his trust in you. **R.**

- (1) Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
- (2) I call upon you all the day long.
- (3) Gladden the soul of your servant,
- (4) for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- (5) For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
- (6) and great is your love toward all who call upon you. **R.**

- (1) Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
- (2) and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- (3) In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
- (4) for you will answer me. **R.**

- (1) Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
- (2) nor anything like your works.
- (3) All nations you have made will come
and worship you, O Lord,
- (4) and glorify your name.
- (5) For you are great; you do wondrous things;
- (6) and you alone are God. **R.**

- (1) Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
- (2) give your strength to your servant,
- (3) and save the child of your handmaid.
- (4) Show me a sign of your favour,
- (5) so that those who hate me may see it
and be ashamed;
- (6) because you, O Lord, have helped me
and comforted me. **R.**

The Second Reading (Romans 6.1b-11)

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We 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. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation (CP 709)

Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cantor The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord;
 and you also are witnesses.
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel (Matthew 10.24-39)

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it 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! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For 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; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever 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; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Musical Reflection

Who now would follow Christ (Monoetius, arr. Bender)

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All 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 of the People

Confession & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Presider Merciful Creator God,

People You have searched us out and known us;
the hopes we hold and regrets and sins that cling to us.
The hurts we absorb and ferment;
the tears we both cause and shed.

We stand before you: all that we have been and all that we are,
knowing that only in you are we truly known
as the ones you would have us be.
Forgive us and guide us to face ourselves
and respect each other with dignity,
that we might welcome with you
the gifts and challenges that your new creation brings,
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.

Presider God our Great Creator have mercy upon you,
cleanse your hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness,
that you may walk with Jesus along the good road, his holy way.
May God purify your minds, that you may be guided by the holy word.
May God, our Great Creator clear your eyes
that you may see the goodness God has created.
May God, our Great Creator open your ears
that you may hear God's voice.
May God, make your souls one with the Trinity,
so that you may worship in spirit and in truth,
and love God, God's Peoples and God's creation with all your hearts, minds, bodies
and souls. Amen.

The Peace

Presider Here is the food that satisfies,
the taste of communion.
Here is wine pouring free,
the washing away of fear.
Here is life abundant,
a table of peace for all.
May this peace be in us and among us,
a sign of hope for a world renewed.

People The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This (CP 400)

Blessing the Saintsbread

Presider Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Jesus Christ,
bread of angels, bread of eternal life;
bless this bread
as you blessed the five loaves in the wilderness,
that all who taste it
may know health and wholeness
of body and soul;
through you, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God,
you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ
the head of all creation.
Receive all we offer you this day
and renew us in his risen life,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (4)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:
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.

All

(CP 726)

Presider

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
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."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.
Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (2)

Presider We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
People We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
People Thanks be to God.

Music During Communion

Lamp of Our Feet (CP 477)
O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near (CP 52)

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.
All And your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keeps your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's son, Jesus Christ;
and may the blessing of God,
Source of all being, eternal Word,
and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.
People Amen.

Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said (CP 431)

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!