

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 13, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: "This Is My Father's World" (ELW #824)

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| <p>1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.</p> <p>2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;</p> | <p>he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.</p> <p>3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems off so
strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!</p> |
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GREETING

...and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

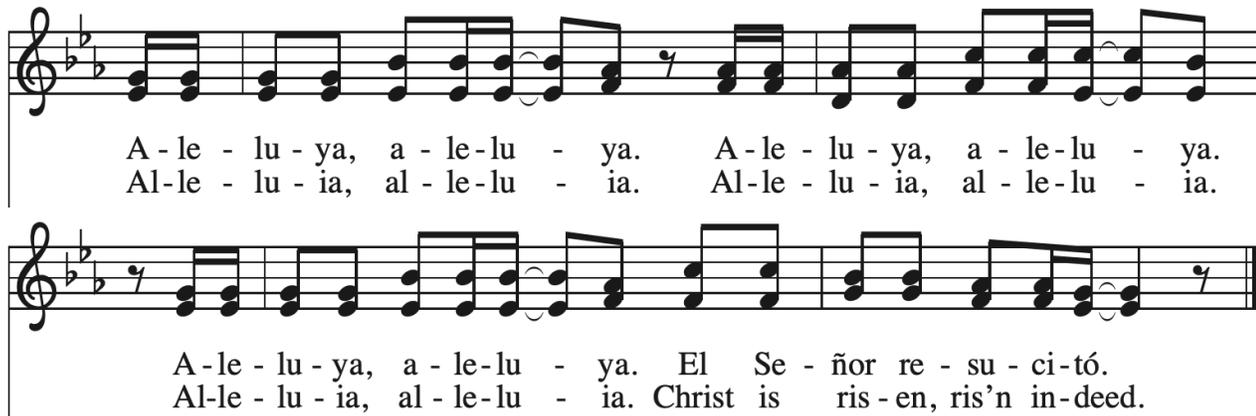
FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

A reading from Ezekiel:

²²Thus 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. ²³On 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. ²⁴All 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

HOLY GOSPEL: **Mark 4:26-34**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet 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."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field" (ACS #952 vs. 1,4-5)

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| <p>1 The reign of God, like farmer's field,
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete.</p> | <p>5 The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is here!</p> |
| <p>4 Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of ev'ry feather come
to nest, and there be fed.</p> | |

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends, "*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***"

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we come to Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace, we confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection) *Gracious God,*

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

*The Lord be with you. **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.***

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION (the next Drive-Thru Holy Communion event is August 1, 11-11:30 AM)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (ELW #547)

- 1 **Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
 the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
 The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
 the fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
 shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
 to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

- 2 **With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
 the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
 our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
 embracing God's children, the whole human race.
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
 unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
 give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

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