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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



View from Mount Sinai

All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.
Matthew 22:40 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Some of the liturgy today is from *The Iona Community*, Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2017); and Ruth Burgess, Summer: Liturgical Resources for May, June and July including Eastertide and Pentecost, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2020).*

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

PAUL TAYLOR (BY ADONIRAM J. GORDON)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SENTENCES

Rom. 7:24-25

Who will save us from the ways of death?
Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!

Let us worship our God.

*GATHERING PRAYER

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #469: *Morning Has Broken*

ELEANOR FARJEON

Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 22:34-40

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1202

EXODUS 20:12-16

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 91

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE," IONA ABBEY

We gather in God's name; ***we claim Christ's promised presence.***

My siblings in Christ, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need carry no longer.

Let us pray:

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens, lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth, Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky you are ever present.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet you are there, and we give you thanks.

But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not honored but avoided you in one another, where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us, and hear our plea for your pardon.

Holy God, ***holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.***

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

"SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE," IONA ABBEY

Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry God forgives what is past and enables us to begin again.

Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy; now that mercy has been given to us.

So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity, by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker to whom be glory for ever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY – THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Simple Gifts From God*

J. PAUL WILLIAMS/JOSEPH M. MARTIN

*DOXOLOGY #592: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Ten Words: Part 3"*

RICK PURCELL, CRE/CLP

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE, IONA ABBEY

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.

For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands.
Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

We give you thanks and praise.

For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its Savior.
Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

We give you thanks and praise.

In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song.
And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company.
They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

We give you thanks and praise.

So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise
which echoes through time and eternity.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God, now and forever. We pray this and all things in the name of the One who taught
us to pray in the language most familiar to us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit, to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and the earth's barren places are fertile with food, hope, and love. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, 1562 CE

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*CLOSING HYMN #339: *Be Thou My Vision*

MARY E. BYRNE / TRANSLATOR

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*SENDING

"AN ALL-DAY SUMMER BLESSING," SIMON TAYLOR

May birds fill the dawn of your day with song, may the midday sun caress your face with warmth, may honeysuckle scent the evening breeze around you and may the summer stars shine bright above you.

And may God, the giver of summer song and scent, the Creator of sun and stars, touch your life with beauty and fill your heart with joy. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: *Lead on, O King Eternal*

LANI SMITH (TUNE: LANCASTER BY HENRY SMART)

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn Story

Be Thou My Vision

The hymn, "Be Thou My Vision," has its origins almost fifteen hundred years ago in Ireland. We believe that it was written by the sixth century Irish poet, Dallan Forgaill, also known as St. Dallan. Monks chanted his poetry, and someone much later used it as the basis for this hymn.

We believe that St. Dallan lost his sight, which inspired the first line, "Be Thou our vision." Legend has it that he recovered his sight after writing a poem praising St. Colomba.

The hymn is a prayer—a prayer that Christ will be our vision—our best thought—our presence—our light.

What would it mean if Christ were our vision? How would it change our lives?

It would mean simply this—that instead of seeing the world through the eyes of a Madison Avenue advertising agent or a Hollywood movie or a television newscaster, we would see the world through Christ's eyes.

It would change our lives, because seeing the world through Christ's eyes would cause us to love as Christ loved. It would cause us to focus less on getting the things that we want and more on giving what we can to help others. It would cause us to care less about other people's opinions and more about the direction that God would have our lives to take.

In some ways it would complicate our lives, because we could no longer be as focused on the things that the world considers important—more money, bigger houses, more prestigious cars. But in other ways it would simplify our lives, because it would allow us to stop striving for ever-larger piles of things and would allow us to focus on spiritual values. People who have come to see the world through Christ's eyes tend to be centered—less troubled than most—strong with a strength that comes from God.

"Be thou my vision." As we sing it, let's remember that it is a prayer. Let us make it our prayer.

Thanks to Michael Bonner who provided most of the above information about St. Dallan. Michael was born in Ireland, seven miles from St. Dallan's burial site, and feels a close kinship to him.

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Elders of the Month for July are **Shelby Smith** and **Kim Snyder**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Pat & Henry Flythe July 1
- Helen & Glenn Byrd July 10
- Millie & Jay Fuller July 11
- Amy & Dusty Kimrey July 13
- Brenda & Robert Sykes July 27

- Shelby Smith July 3
- Sylvia Hayes July 5
- Janine Osborne July 5
- Tina Patterson July 7
- Xan Wagner July 8
- Diane Bullis July 12
- Debbie Johnson July 17
- Sylvia Donley July 20

Liturgist

July 3rd Tina Patterson
July 10th
July 17th
July 24th
July 31st

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, July 3rd – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost & Communion

- 9:30 – Worship (In-Person outside at the Manse parking lot & Live Stream)
- TBA – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)

Wednesday, July 6th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice (not meeting)

Sunday, July 10th – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 – Worship (In-Person outside at the Manse parking lot & Live Stream)
- After Church – “Jesus and the Gospels”, Evie C. Marshall classroom
- TBA – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)

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