

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

\* Congregation will stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. We are to stand during designated hymns out of worship and honor. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Offering is to be placed in plate when exiting.

INTROIT: “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” (See Insert to follow along)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/People)

(L) Praise the Lord!

**(P) Sing God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful!**

(L) For the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

**(P) Let the faithful sing for joy!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

(L) Let us pray

**(P) Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to trust your judgments so that we may do your will by loving you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN: “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” (See Insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

(L) Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**(P) Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(L) Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ’s name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth. For this good news, we proclaim together:

**(P) In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

(L) The peace of Christ be with you. **(P) And also with you.**

\*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)

\*SONG OF PRAISE: “God, How Can We Forgive” (See Insert)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Get Up, Get Dressed and Go!”

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SHARING OF PRAYERS for JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

**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 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.**

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(L) Let us pray

**(P) Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON: “We Can Work It Out”

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\*HYMN: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (See Insert)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*SONG OF DEDICATION: (**Doxology**) “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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THE SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (See Insert)

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*BPC THEME SONG: Go now in peace . . .

POSTLUDE: Debussy

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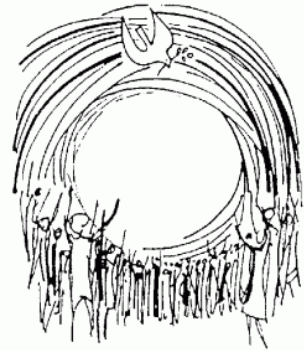
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Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.  
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Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in your name,  
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Here we touch your garment's hem.

As the disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the giver Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of you,  
That be caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true.  
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**SONG OF PRAISE: GOD, HOW CAN WE FORGIVE**



God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?  
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?  
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,  
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**2nd HYMN: JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE**



**(Refrain)** Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
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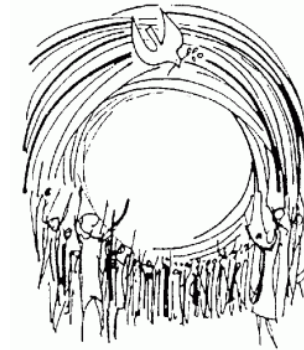
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Joy of heaven to earth come down  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling  
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Jesus, thou art all compassion  
Pure unbounded love thou art  
Visit us with thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
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let us all in thee inherit;  
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Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
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