



...living with loneliness

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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May 24, 2020

11:00 am



about today's service

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Welcome Pastor Jack Horner

Prelude: "Pie Jesu" (Requiem) Andrew Lloyd Webber

Blessed Jesus, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest everlasting.

Alison Koch, cello

Announcements Pastor Jack Horner

Confession and Forgiveness Pastor Jack Horner

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Song: Hold us Together

by Matt Maher

Verse 1

It don't have a job.
It don't pay your bills.
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills.
Won't fix your life
In five easy steps.
Ain't the law of the land or the government.
But it's all you need.

Chorus

And love will hold us together,
Make us a shelter to weather the storm.
And I'll be my brother's keeper,
So the whole world will know
That we're not alone.

Verse 2

It's waiting for you.
Knockin' at your door.
In the moment of truth,
When your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees.

Chorus

Bridge(2X)

This is the first day of the rest of your life.
This is the first day of the rest of your life.
'Cause even in the dark, you can still see the light.
It's gonna be alright. It's gonna be alright.

Chorus

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(FaithX video)

Greeting Pastor Jack Horner

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day Pastor Jack Horner

P: Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

Children's Message Pastor Liz Frey

Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Steve Kauffman

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in

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Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Bishop Jim Dunlop

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 17:1-11 Bishop Jim Dunlop

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Bishop Jim Dunlop

Solo: "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris
Kevin Appleby, soloist; Alison Koch, cello

Prayers of Intercession Pastor Jack Horner

Each portion of the prayer ends:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer Pastor Jack Horner

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

C: **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.**

Passing of Easter Peace Pastor Jack Horner

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

✝ Sending ✝

We have heard the Word of God and offered our gifts. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing Pastor Jack Horner

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" AMERICA
(video with words)

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and temp led hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895

Dismissal Pastor Jack Horner

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude "Fugue on AMERICA" Max Reger
(video)

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