

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Howell, New Jersey  
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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
20 June 2021**



Leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. . . He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

*Mark 4:36–37, 39*

P: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## OPENING HYMN

### **“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen Sound from His people again. Gladly forever adore Him!

The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (spoken)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Let us pray..... Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## JOB 38:1-11

A reading from the Book of Job

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:  
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.  
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding,  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 124**

ANTIPHON V.8

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—  
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,  
then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.

Blessèd be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped!

**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13**

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet

well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL VERSE**

**Alleluia.** Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him? **Alleluia.**

### **MARK 4:35-41**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

### **SERMON HYMN**

#### **"ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE"**

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
Oh hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, All trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where so e'er they go:  
thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,\* I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*\*The ancient text: the holy catholic and apostolic Church*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

O Eternal Father, you are indeed strong to save! Give us faith to cling to your dear Son in every danger that threatens to undo us. We bless and adore you for your strong, saving love! Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Still the storms of division, heresy, and ambition among your people. Make your Church an ark of safety against floodwaters of sin and suffering. Make it a rock against which faithless words and evil deeds are dashed. Let many find a refuge here, and turn to you, and be saved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Like Job, your persecuted servants long to know their suffering has meaning, their faithfulness is precious, and their Redeemer lives. Deliver them from evil. Reveal your mighty arm and never-failing love. And cause their tormentors to repent and believe in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of peace among the people of this congregation. Keep us steadfast in faith, fervent in worship, and persistent in prayer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In you, all good and faithful fatherhood finds its source, guide, and fulfillment. Bless all fathers, and all who act with a father's love. Grant that in their care, all children find protection, guidance, and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son chided his disciples for their little faith, yet he saved them from the storm. He sent them into a storm-tossed world, to share the Gospel of salvation and life in him. Bless everyone, even those of little faith, who strive to share the Lord Jesus with another shipwrecked soul! Lead them to safe harbor in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are overwhelmed by waves of suffering and sorrow; who have been shipwrecked by abuse, abandonment, or injustice; who have been cast adrift in pathless seas of confusion, delusion, or doubt; and who cry out, fearing that you neither hear nor care that they are perishing. Extend your mighty hand and outstretched arm and deliver them. {This day we name: List}. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for delivering all who died trusting in you. Give us ears to hear Jesus' words, "Peace; be still" when all we hear are the wind and waves of turmoil and fear. By his merits, bring us into your Kingdom, where with you and with all whom you have redeemed, we may dwell in joyful and blessed peace forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear and graciously answer our prayers, dear Lord, as it is best for us and most glorifies your holy name. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **HAND BELL CHOIR**

"JUBILATE PROCESSION"

ARR. BY D. LINDA MCKECHNIE

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.**

P: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, with praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling our Savior's death, resurrection, and ascension, we pray that you would sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever

**C: Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

#### **THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED**

Let us pray..... O God,

**whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can  
bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **“IN YOU IS GLADNESS”**

1 In you is gladness Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By you are given  
The gifts of heaven, You the true Redeemer are.  
Our souls re waking; Our bonds are breaking.  
Who trusts you surely Has built securely  
And stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining  
To see your shining, Dying or living,  
To you are cleaving; Now and forever: Alleluia!

2 If He is ours, We fear no powers,  
Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Copies of this week's bulletin notes are available in the church narthex or on our church website  
[www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org](http://www.princeofpeacehowellnj.org)

### ***THOSE WHO SERVE***

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn

Sunday Service, June 20th at 8:00 a.m.  
Elder: Brandon Chornobroff

Sunday Service, June 20th at 10:15 a.m.  
Social Media Specialist: Madison Maresca  
Organist: Melissa Marsicano

The 10:15am service will also be live streamed through our Facebook GROUP page,  
which can be found on our Facebook PAGE

Wednesday Midweek Service, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Leader: Elder Alexandra Hildebrand

**We publish the Banns of Marriage between Paulette Bradow and Leonard Gilligan-Wold, and we bid your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.**

**This is the second time of asking.**