

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

THEME: The plan of God was necessary because of the estrangement humanity knew from God and from one another, divisions broken down by Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God loves us with a steadfast love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much God gave us the Son.

Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

GATHERING SONG

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord (echo) who is worthy to be praised (echo)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (echo) I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted. (repeat)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Triune God, we have gathered here in your name believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us to experience your grace today as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Just As I Am, without One Plea

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**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st 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 ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BLESSING OF OUR GRADUATE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.

I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift Your name on high.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE