

PRIDE SUNDAY
Sunday, June 28, 2020

INTRODUCTION

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The call to worship is written by Proclaim member Rev. Josh Evans and is based on the writings of Joel R. Workin, one of the "Berkeley Four." In the late 1980s, Joel, along with three other seminarians, came out as gay to his candidacy committee. Because of his sexuality, he was never ordained and able to serve the church as a pastor before his death in 1995.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forms us in love, renews us in mercy, and holds us in grace.
Amen.

Now is the time to gather:
**We come from many places,
with joys and sorrows, hopes and burdens.**
Now is the time to center:
**We come into this one space,
around word and meal, prayer and song.**

(a brief time of silent reflection)

Let the church be unbound in freedom!
Now is the time to bring God's good news to all.

Let the church be bound together in love!
**Now is the time to care for the kicked-out, the run-away,
the imprisoned, the migrant, and the friendless.**

It is time to celebrate what has already been done,
**and it is time to remember that we are the church,
together, for the sake of the world, with work left to do.**

As the church, we celebrate God's gracious gifts,
and we proclaim the love and life of God at work within us.

We show the gracious power and glory that is ours
when we come out and declare:

We are here.

**We are lesbian, bisexual, gay, pansexual,
aromantic, queer, asexual, and heterosexual**

**We are transgender, cisgender, gender non-conforming,
intersex, and gender non-binary.**

We are the church.

We are God's.

We are God's kin - dom.

Now is the time to gather, to center, to remember:

The most precious grace God gives us is the grace to be ourselves.

Now is the time to let grace abound!

Alleluia! Amen.

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING

The grace of our Saviour 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

Weaver of Justice, **let us be your hands and feet! May we follow the Spirits lead and work for justice and equity for our LGBTQIA+, brown, and black siblings. In prayer we say Black Lives Matter, that our LGBTQIA+ siblings are made in your image, we confess we still have lots of work to do and we commit to your ministry of reconciliation. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #172

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL READING:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, **Glory to you O' Lord.**

Matthew 10:40-42

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you O'Christ.**

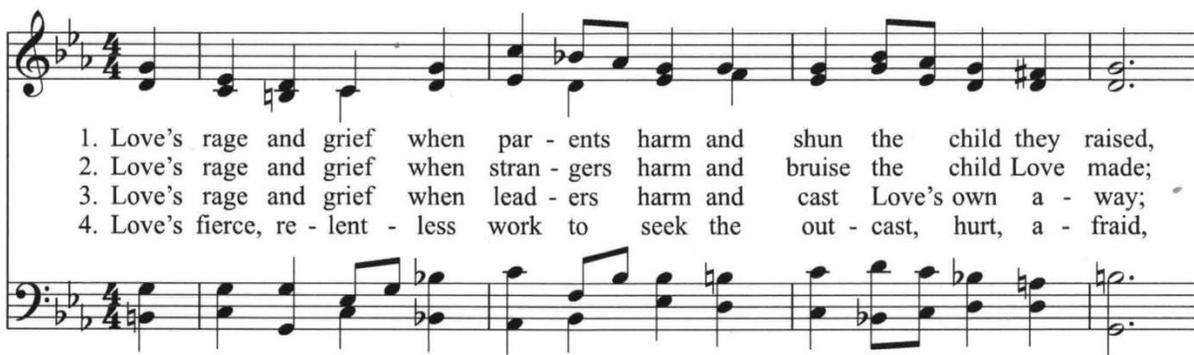
PERSONAL REFLECTION - Matt Ashcroft,
Social Justice Advocate and Conversion Therapy Survivor,

HYMN OF THE DAY: Love's Rage and Grief

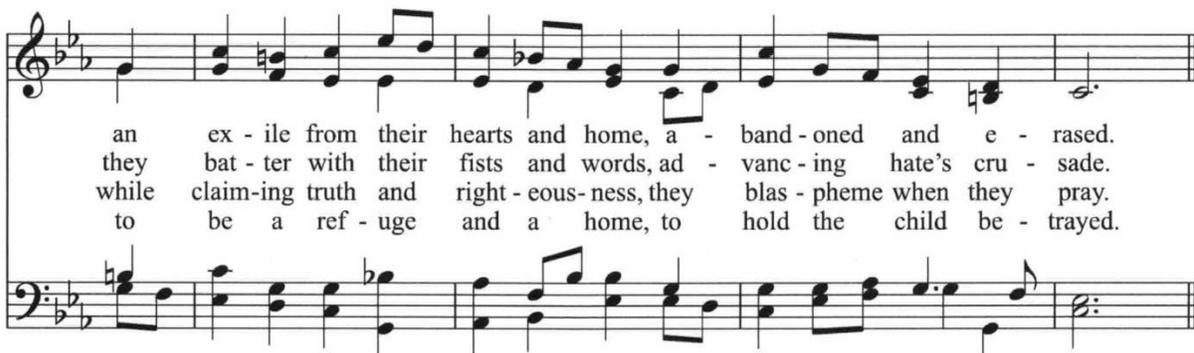
Love's Rage and Grief

Jeannette M. Lindholm

BANGÖR
William Tans'ur



1. Love's rage and grief when par - ents harm and shun the child they raised,
2. Love's rage and grief when stran - gers harm and bruise the child Love made;
3. Love's rage and grief when lead - ers harm and cast Love's own a - way;
4. Love's fierce, re - lent - less work to seek the out - cast, hurt, a - fraid,



an ex - ile from their hearts and home, a - band - oned and e - rased.
they bat - ter with their fists and words, ad - vanc - ing hate's cru - sade.
while claim - ing truth and right - eous - ness, they blas - pheme when they pray.
to be a ref - uge and a home, to hold the child be - trayed.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

We believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental capacity.

We believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.

We believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples—people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.

We believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.

We believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Saviour, and Holy Power of Love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (from setting six, p. 173)



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught in the language and words of our hearts: *(or using the prayer written below)*

Our Father / Mother / Parent in heaven . . .

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

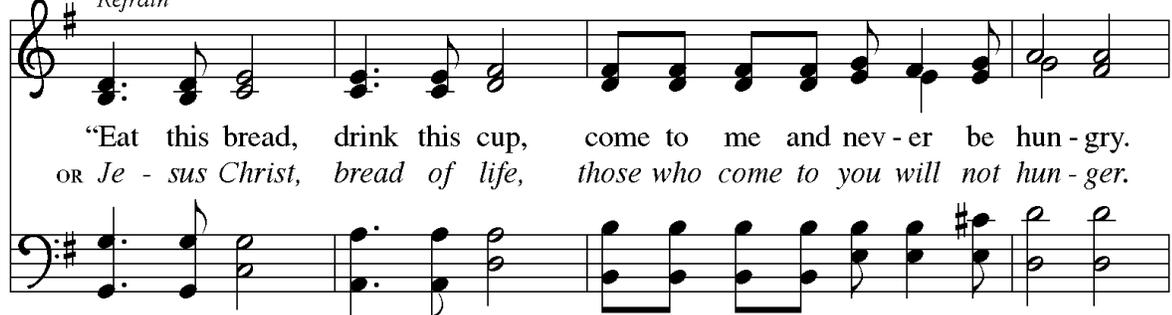
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Eat This Bread #472 (sung 2x)

Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING (*Lazarus Blessing* by Jan Richardson)

The secret of this blessing is that it is written on the back
of what binds you.

To read this blessing, you must take hold
of the end of what confines you,

must begin to tug at the edge of what wraps you round.

It may take long and long for its length to fall away,
for the words of this blessing to unwind in folds about your feet.
By then you will no longer need them.
By then this blessing will have pressed itself into your waking flesh,
will have passed into your bones,

will have traveled every vein
until it comes to rest inside the chambers of your heart
that beats to the rhythm of benediction
and the cadence of release.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: For All the Children

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God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of Your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be
when your children will be free.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they in Your love, find rest.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that Your love is for the few;
may their faith in You renew.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
As against all hate we stand.

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for everyone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.
May that welcome be our song.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.
Thanks be to God.

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