

# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet

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*Flora in Calix Light*, 1950 by David Jones  
Source: [Visual Commentary on Scripture](#)



# GATHERING

## Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

*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. Amen.*

## Prelude: *Three Early 20th-Century Voluntaries*

*Andante grazioso*

*Chorale*

*Adoration*

**Kate Boundy (c. 1866-1913)**

**Alice Sauvrezis (1865-1946)**

**Florence B. Price (1887-1953)**

*These beautiful miniatures provide a space for reflection and calm before worship. Kate Boundy was a highly esteemed British organist whose compositions were published for use in churches. Alice Sauvrezis was a French composer, pianist, choral conductor, and concert organizer. Florence B. Price was an American composer, and also an accomplished pianist and organist. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.*

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## Opening Acclamation

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest* Let us pray.

**Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.***

### The First Reading

**Romans 13:8-14**

**O**we no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are

summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

*J*esus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Priest*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

**The Rev. Zac Koons**

### **Hymn of the Day: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**Hymn 376**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for Schiller’s poem, “To Joy,” as the final movement of Beethoven’s (1770-1827) Ninth Symphony. The hymn text was written in 1907 by a prominent Presbyterian pastor, who had Beethoven’s tune in mind while enjoying the beauty of the Berkshire mountains where he was serving as a guest preacher at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.*

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt)

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest and People*

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## Announcements

### The Offertory Solo: *The Gift of Love*

Scottish/American Folk Tune  
arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed, by this we worship and are freed. Amen.

#### Christa Tumlinson, soloist

*Texan Hal Hopson (b. 1933) arranged "The Gift of Love" in 1972. Both the text and the melody are effective paraphrases: the text of I Corinthians 13:1-3 and the melody as an adaptation of the folk tune "O Waly, Waly."*

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### The Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### Postlude: *Processional on "Praise to the Lord"*

Clay Christiansen

*Clay Christiansen (b. 1946) was born in the small town of Emery, Utah and began to play the piano and create his own music as a preschooler. This began a lifetime of musical study and performance, including earning a Ph.D. in Music Composition from the University of Utah. From 1972-1982 Christiansen was the organist for St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Salt Lake City. Beginning in 1982 and until his retirement in 2018, he served as one of the organists for the Salt Lake Tabernacle and accompanied the Tabernacle Choir in countless televised performances.*

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## Eating Together: Suggestions for Your Table

We invite you to use this packet to deepen your home worship and provide thoughtful reflection for you and your family.

The readings for Sunday remind us of the light Jesus brings to our lives; from Romans 13: “Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day...” and that it doesn’t matter where or how we are gathered, he reminds us that he is here: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18)

There are days we feel alone, and in darkness, but if we step outside in the brightness of the day and breath slowly and deeply, in and out, and listen to the sounds of nature and daily life—the songs of birds, leaves rustling in the breeze, and the human sounds of traffic in the distance, or a neighbor mowing their lawn—these seemingly small nuances of life remind us that there is joy and light in our daily routines, and life surrounds us. Seek the joy and be the light.

Here's a prayer you can use before dinner:

*God, you are the power of liberation, calling your servant Moses to lead your people into freedom, and giving him the wisdom to proclaim your holy law. Be our Passover from the land of injustice, be the light that leads us to the perfect rule of love, that we may be citizens of your unfettered reign; we ask this through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation. Amen.*



*Artist's Point, Saddle Canyon* by Joanne Foote

## PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

*You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.*

**For healthcare workers:** Heather Azarmehr, Christine Brunson, Eric Boudreau, Joan Chapmond, Beth Chenoweth, Mac Dailey, Jodi Doran, Courtney Farris, Russ Farris, Nicole Flores, Jana Kay Green, Steven Jennings, Marcille, Jesse Martin, Charles Osterberg, Cilla Parkinson, Jonea Raney, Jennifer Pollard Ruiz, Samuel, Mary Smith, Jordan Sondgeroth, Jeffrey Todd, Kim Todd, Michael Todd, Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Aaron Walpole.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Dillon Johns, Emily Lehrach, Jacob Sondgeroth, Anna Mazac, Rosemary Nolan, Harper Sanders, Fernanda Lavallo, Dayna Blazey, Anna Bryan-Borja, Alexandra Geraci, Jennifer Payne, Jackie Whalen, Barbara Dody.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Caitlin & Joshua Van Cott, Kendra & Walter Roloson, Liz Badger & Lansing Pugh, Irma & Tim Glover, Jana Kay & Tim Green.

**For those who have died:** Jim Keahey, Barbara C. Wilson, The Rev. Tom Gray.

**For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services beginning September 13:**
  - **8:00 a.m.** (parking lot, 25-person limit)
  - **7:00 p.m.** (Meditation Trail, 15-person limit).
  - **Reservations will be required and will open on the Monday prior to the Sunday service.** Links will be on our home page: [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://www.stmarksaustin.org)
- **Rector's Book Group returns on Tuesdays, beginning September 8 @ 7:00 p.m.** We will be reading & discussing *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. Books can be ordered through Amazon [here](#) or locally through Book People [here](#), or a source of your choosing. Please read the intro and chapter one prior to the meeting. Access link [here](#).
- **New Sunday School series begins September 13th, 9:00 a.m.,** with Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.: *Becoming Christians: Core Christian Practices in a time of Pandemic.*
- **YOUTH: SAVE THE DATE for our first in-person youth gathering since March!!** On Wednesday, September 23rd, at 6:30 p.m., youth and their families are invited to a short Eucharist service on the meditation trail. More details to come. *Reserving a spot in advance is required for all St. Mark's services this fall.* A link to the RSVP form along with safety guidelines will be sent out soon. Contact Casey at [casey@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:casey@stmarksaustin.org).

## ONGOING EVENTS

- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom. Links posted on our website each day [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://www.stmarksaustin.org).
- **Contemplative Prayer Group, Saturdays, 9 a.m.** Access link [here](#). All are welcome!
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study will resumes September 15th.**

## Ministers of the Service

### Lectors:

Rex White, Suzann Dvorken, Nancy & Bill Kibler.

### Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):

Christine Brunson, The Farris Family, The Raines Family.



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### The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian-in-Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Barbara Gausewitz, *Seminarian*

Brandon Haynes, *Seminarian*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Curate*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music and Bookkeeper*

Joanne Foote, *Parish Administrator*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*

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