

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 2021, AT 10:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF BELOVED COMMUNITY
& HOLY EUCHARIST

AT THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

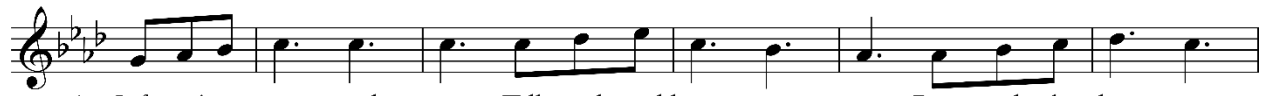
DEEP RIVER

Arr. Gene Roberson

HYMN LEVAS 1

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift Every Voice



1. Lift ev'-ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast -'ning rod, Felt in the days when
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us



nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning -
hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
thus far on the way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the



skies, Let it re - sound loud as the rol - ling sea. Sing a
feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? We have
light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our



song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the
come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our
feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the



hope that the pre - sent has brought us; Fa - cing the ris - ing sun Of our new
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
wine of the world, we for - get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

ACCLAMATION

Bishop Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at the beginning and the end, in our midst and with us.

People **God is with us; here we find new life.**

Bishop Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love:

People **Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight for the blind, liberty to those who are oppressed.**

GLORIA LEVAS 243

GLORY TO GOD

Carl Haywood

The singers will sing the Refrain once, followed by the congregation, then sung where indicated:

Singers: *Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.*

Congregation:

Refrain

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,

— Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.—

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

Congregation:

Refrain

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,

— Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.—

Singers: *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.*

Congregation:

Refrain

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name,— Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name.— A - - - - men,

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray:

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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

PSALM 72:1-4, 12-14

Deus, iudicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

EPISTLE

James 2:5-9, 12-17; 3:17-18

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill”, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

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

HYMN

HALLE HALLE HALLELUJAH

*(Caribbean Melody)**Sung twice:*

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:32-42

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and

follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Carl W. Wright,
Bishop Suffragan for Armed Services
and Federal Ministries

INVITATION TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO BECOMING A BELOVED COMMUNITY

Bishop We must work together to discover and honor our similarities while exploring and celebrating our differences. This journey will not be easy, but we are not alone. We must support each other in the quest for equality, justice, and peace. Therefore, I invite you to join together to establish a Ministry of Beloved Community, to seek the truth of our history and to engage in civil, respectful dialogue about what we should learn to carry forward and what we should learn to never repeat again.

Bishop Do you acknowledge that there is no place in our world for violence, oppression, inequity, injustice, and hate?

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you acknowledge that you have a responsibility and role to play in creating social change for a more just, humane, equitable, and peaceful world?

People **I do.**

Bishop Will you strive as a Beloved Community to have the courage to stand up for justice in the face of inequity, injustice, and oppression?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join together to commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and Beloved Community.

THE COMMISSIONING FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and in dismantling the sin of abuse and power, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed, and will you then proclaim the good news of reconciliation by both word and deed?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, both with whom you agree and disagree, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you allow love to drive your thoughts, words, decisions, and actions, and honor the humanity of every individual?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive to promote unity and refuse to perpetuate or magnify division?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive to demonstrate a life of courage, care, and compassion and to boldly confront anything that stands in opposition to love?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Presider concludes

In the name of God and of this Church, I commission you as a Beloved Community which stands up, speaks out, seeks forgiveness and reconciliation and lives into the reign of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear people of God, our history is marred by oppression, by the enslavement of those who differ from us, and by the forces of racism that attack human dignity. The sin of racism is woven into our lives and our cultures, in small and great ways, in things done and things left undone. As followers of Christ, we reject racism and the oppression of other human beings. In building Christ's beloved community, we must strive to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

In the assurance of our forgiveness, let us humbly confess our sins, in particular our sins of participation in, privilege based on, and perpetuation of racism and cultural bias, and our failure to welcome all into our hearts as fellow sojourners of God's creation:

Silence is then kept for a time.

God the Father, you freed your people from slavery in Egypt, yet the legacy of slavery deforms our lives today.

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, you prayed that all would be united in your love and service, yet the divisions among us rend your body.

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, you inspire us to live peaceably with all, yet the stain of genocide and internment mars our striving for justice.

Have mercy on us.

We have harmed one another and the earth through negligence, greed, and self-interest.

Have mercy on us.

We have failed to condemn discrimination that leads to unrest.

Have mercy on us.

We have decried violence, while overlooking inequity and frustration from which it rises.

Have mercy on us.

We have practiced injustice for economic gain, and have oppressed others to make a false peace.

Have mercy on us.

We have sought comfort in advantage for ourselves at the cost of injustice for others.

Have mercy on us.

We have welcomed solace over conflict, and ignored the cries of those harmed by our comfort.

Have mercy on us.

We have grasped for this world's goods, and been arrogant toward those who have little.

Have mercy on us.

We have not shared the good things we have been given, and blamed the poor for their poverty.

Have mercy on us.

We have been fearful and distrustful of those who are different from us.

Have mercy on us.

We have divided ourselves from others, and refused to listen to or believe their experience.

Have mercy on us.

We have been indifferent to the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers.

Have mercy on us.

We have held in contempt those who need our help, and not loved them with our whole hearts.

Have mercy on us.

We have been self-satisfied in our privilege, and denied our oppression of others.

Have mercy on us.

We have preferred order over justice, and isolation over the struggle for peace.

Have mercy on us.

We have quietly held good intentions, and kept silent the message of reconciliation.

Have mercy on us.

We have failed to act with courage for the sake of love.

Have mercy on us.

Bishop

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may see Christ's Beloved Community in our own day.
Amen.

THE PEACE *All stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN WLP 793 HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER

Tokyo



1. Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er hand we link with hand;
2. Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
3. Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chan - ges ne - ver cease.
4. Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death - less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
Where, oh where, can wea - ry soul find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
truth and cour - age, faith and power, need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus Sav - ior guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Je - sus, teach - er dwell with us for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus, Mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Spirit of God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift your hearts up to heaven.

People **Where Christ in glory reigns.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Reconciler, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the very heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, newborn in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation.

Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

SANCTUS LEVAS 255

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Grayson Warren Brown

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our Redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we share one bread.

AGNUS DEI LEVAS 270

LAMB OF GOD

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

(organ)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(organ)

THE INVITATION *Lifting the bread and the cup, the priest says*

Bread and wine; the Gifts of God for the People of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

These words are shared during the distribution of the elements

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Arr. Richard Walters

Heather Fetrow, soprano

COMMUNION HYMN 602

JESU, JESU

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you._____

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich_____ and poor, neigh - bors are black_____ and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All_____ are neigh - bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory and for the hope and expectation of a better, more just tomorrow. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant of all and the ruler of our hearts, our friend and our brother. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant Lead us all from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you. **Amen.**

Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. **Amen.**

Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN LEVAS 12

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

Marching to Zion



1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground,



and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on the beau - ti - ful ci - ty of God.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world as a Beloved Community of God's faithful people, striving for justice and peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

Arr. Wilbur Held



Lay Readers: Melene Glynn, Donna Gentry,
Victor Ban, Emily Pearce

Singers: Heather Fetrow, Joshua Hong

Ushers: Peter Heister, Connie Heister

Altar Guild: Linda Wright, Ruth Billinger,
Moss Kendrix

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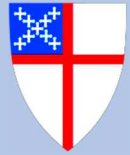
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