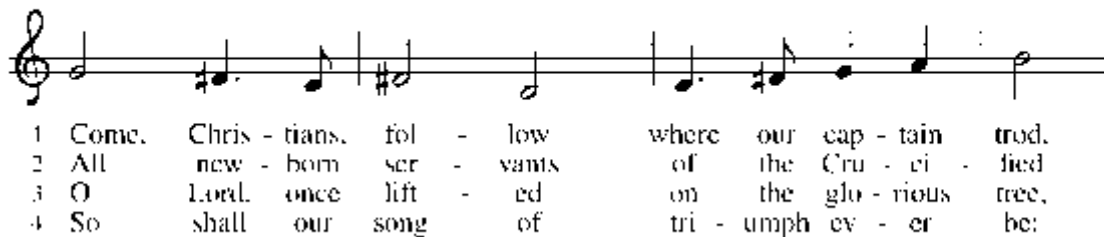


Prayer Service For Sunday, June 21, 2020  
Third Sunday After Pentecost

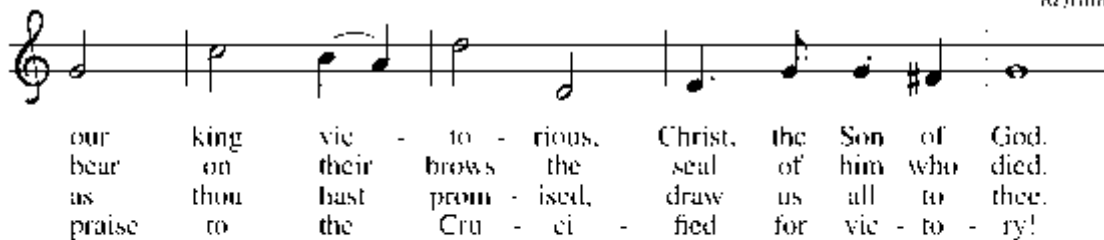


+ Hymn +

*Lift High the Cross*



*Refrain*



+ Announcements +

+ Confession and Forgiveness +

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✚ Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

+ 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 +

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13+

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me,

and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,

and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;

everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me

a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,

or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire

shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,

and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him,

and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,

for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor

will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

<sup>2</sup>The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Psalm 69:7-18+

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

[ <sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

] <sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

+ Second Reading : Romans 6:1b-11 +

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Gospel : Matthew 10:24-39+

The holy gospel of Matthew in the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>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;  
<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>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; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Homily+

+ 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 into hell.\***

**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**

+ Prayers of Intercession +

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been ill for too long (*local environmental concerns may be prayed for*). Direct the work of all who care for birds and their habitats. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend others across the world (*especially*). Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Reigning God, you bless us with guides and caretakers in the faith. As we give thanks for those who have died (*especially Onesimos Nesib, translator and evangelist*), increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER +**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father 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**

**+ Blessing +**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

**+ Sending +**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



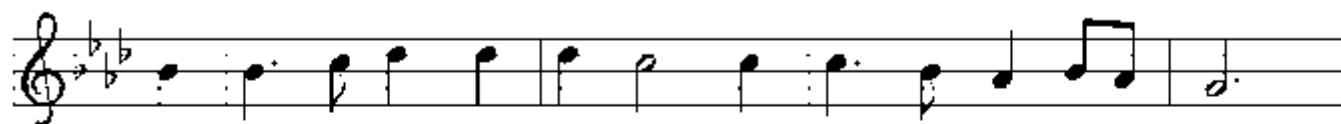
# I Love to Tell the Story



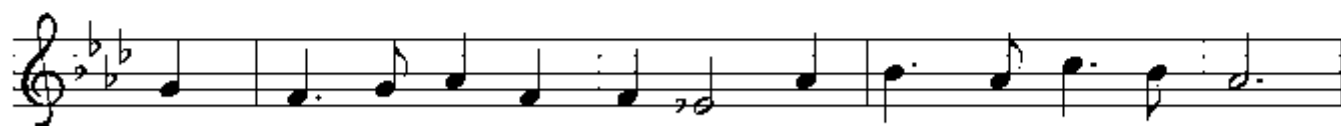
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

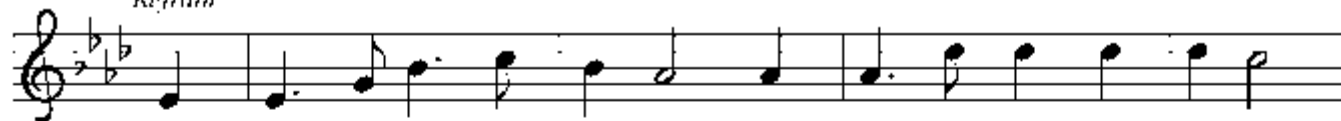


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# Virtual Choir

## Soprano

Pam Adams  
Kaitlyn Dunfee  
Abby Ehemann  
Victoria Fuller  
Lynne Luetzgen  
Lynda Martinez  
Rachel Stewart  
Jane Teasley  
Alexis Ward

## Alto

Nancy Goyda  
Barbara King  
Mary Alice Thompson

## Tenor

Debbie Fuller  
Jordan Irazabal  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Jay Snyder

## Bass

J. Michael Mekailek  
Mark Teasley

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Tara Magoon, Grace Lutheran, Hockessin

Pastor Barbara Melosh, Hope Lutheran, New Castle

Jordan Irazabal, Grace Director of Music

Mike Mekailek, Hope Director of Music

Assisting Minister: Mike Mekailek

## **Prayers of the Faithful for week of June 14**

For the Mosaic family as they mourn the deaths of Frank and Ravel who have passed away in the last weeks.

For all graduates

For the family and friends of Alice McVaugh as they mourn her passing

For family and friends of Duane Broadwater as they mourn his passing

For Jack Baskow

For Greg Diener,

For Claire Shoening, for return to health

For Claudia and Geof Bromfield who are dealing with health issues.

For all those in our hearts and minds today.

### **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Bill and Barbara Lind-Grabher

Scott Wycoff

The Fenner family

John Worrell—brother in law of Bill Baur

Mike Goyda

Lis Verbeck

Lois Snyder

Dave & Angie Wasgatt

Tyler

Eloise—friend of Joanne Deaton

Rich—Lynne Luetzgen's step-father

Nancy & Mike Schuster -friends of Pam Berentson

Bill Howerin—friend of Pastor Tara

Marcia Burton—friend of Diane Teig

Gina Clay

Evelyn Pettit, Pastor David C. Mark, Dick Johnson, John Deaton, Joan Sandstorm, Delores Sipe, Doug Price,

John Maurer, Bob Waller, Bill & Barbie Monaghan, Kent Hardel, Gretchen Platz, Ellen Hall,

Nanci Hunsinger, LouEllen Machin, Betty Magoon, Claire Schoening, Chris and Sherri Ann, Moira & Ed

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Barbara Melosh

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference;

For our country, the United States and leaders and citizens.

For all of our global neighbors, stricken by the Covid19 virus.

For God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance as we are apart and make plans for getting back to the world we now live in!

For hope and courage as those who are still distanced make their way out to work, travel and get together with family and friends.

◇ Continued prayers go out to our nation, for those who seeking to walk with our neighbors, for those who are suffering from the affects of the Coronavirus, for those for whom life is hard right now.