

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

The Christian Life of Faith is a Life Lived in Repentance



And he said to her, Your sins
ARE FORGIVEN

Luke 7:48

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OPENING HYMN

454 - I Gave My Life for Thee



1 I gave my life for thee; My pre - cious
2 My Fa - ther's home of light, My rain - bow -
3 I spent long years for thee In wea - ri -
4 I suf - fered much for thee, More than my
5 And I have brought to thee Down from my



blood I shed That thou might'st ran - somed be
cir - cled throne, I left for earth - ly night,
ness and woe That an e - ter - ni - ty
tongue may tell, Of bit - t' rest ag - o - ny,
home a - bove Sal - va - tion full and free,



And quick - ened from the dead. I gave my
For wan - d'rings sad and lone. I left it
Of joy thou might - est know. I spent long
To res - cue thee from hell. I suf - fered
My par - don and my love. Great gifts I



life for thee; Come, give thy - self to me!
all for thee; Come now and fol - low me!
years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me,
much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me,
brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

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6 Oh, let thy life be spent,
 Thy years for me be giv'n,
 As I for thee was sent
 To bear thee home to heav'n.
 I gave my life for thee;
 Come, give thy life to me.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.
 Tune: OLD 120TH (66 66 66) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1592.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with
 2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the
 3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a
 Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;
 Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;
 heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,
 Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered
 They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered
 Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.
 Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15

God used David's faithful friend Nathan to lead David to repentance. Note how wisely Nathan used both Law and Gospel.

² SAMUEL 11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

^{12:1} The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he

had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴ “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’”

¹³ Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. ¹⁴ But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.”

¹⁵ After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife had borne to David, and he became ill.



YOU O KING ARE THAT MAN!

2 S A M U E L 1 2 : 7

PSALM

Psalm 32

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Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

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Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you*
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”*
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain

You are my hiding place;*
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,*
but the LORD’S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Galatians 2:11-21

God used Peter's faithful friend Paul to lead Peter to repentance. Paul, like Nathan, was skilled in applying Law and Gospel.

GALATIANS 2:11 When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹² Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' ¹⁶ know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ "If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Luke 7:36-50

Jesus, our faithful friend, wisely used the Law with Simon, the Pharisee, to bring him to repentance... but Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of forgiveness to the contrite woman.

LUKE 7:36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.³⁷ When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume,³⁸ and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is--that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."
"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet.⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

479 - Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me No thought
 2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt -
 4 In suf - f'ring be your love my peace; In weak -



can reach, no tongue de - clare. Dwell in my heart e -
 but your pure love a - lone; Oh, may your love pos -
 less - ly to you as - pire. Oh, may your love my
 ness be your love my pow'r; And when the storms of



ter - nal - ly, And reign with - out a ri - val there.
 sess me whole, My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown!
 hope re - new, Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire!
 life shall cease, O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour



To you a - lone, dear Lord, I live;
 All cold - ness from my heart re - move;
 And day and night be all my care
 Be then my rod and staff and guide



My - self to you, dear Lord, I give.
 My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
 To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there,
 And draw me safe - ly to your side.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-91, alt.
 Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

SERMON
Luke 7:36-50

The Church Prays: Amen, Come Lord Jesus

1. come and take us from this age
2. come and take us to the next

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Bidden by our Lord and confident of His promises, let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

M O Lord, as Your disciples once gathered together in anticipation of Your promise, so are we gathered today, that we may see Your face, wear Your name by Baptism and faith, and believe Your Word without fear. When our risen and ascended Lord returns in His glory, bring to completion that which You have begun in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Lord, as Your Son prayed for His Church, so do we pray today for unity of faith, for bold witness and for those who will believe through our word. Give us peace among the nations and the freedom to hear Your call and serve You without constraint. Bless all governments and leaders, that they may promote justice, freedom and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Lord, as You ordered all things, You gave to us those who would show us a mother's love. Bless all women with child, all mothers as they care for child and home, and all children to love and honor them according to Your own command. Make all homes to be places of blessing where Your name is honored and Your people learn to know You and love You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Lord, as You bore all the burdens of our mortal flesh in Your Son, give to the sick, the hospitalized, the recuperating, those suffering chronic ills and all people in their afflictions Your healing and peace. [*Today we especially commend into Your hands _____.*] Keep them steadfast in trouble and comfort them, that they may endure to eternal life and perfect healing in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Lord, risen, ascended and glorified, to You we give thanks for the promise of resurrection to Your departed. Bring us to share with them the unending joys of our final home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Lord, as You have promised, hear Your people as they pray. Grant them the comfort of Your presence and the gift of Your Spirit, that they may walk in love and live in hope, both now and even forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

383 - Blessed Are They, Forever Blest



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,
 2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness



Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.
 And not on works but grace re - ly.
 And join to prove their faith sin - cere,
 Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

399 – To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,

Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

