



CHURCH OF THE  
**REDEEMER**

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2020

# PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

## Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
Oh my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

## Verse 2

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

## Verse 3

Praise to the Lord  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

## Verse 4

Praise to the Lord  
Oh let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

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*Officiant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*  
**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant: 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.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession*

*Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

**People:** Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.*

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;*

**People:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People:** As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Officiant: Praise the Lord.*

**People:** The Lord's name be praised.

## ACTS 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PREPARE THE WAY

*Refrain*

O blest is Christ that came  
In God's most holy name

*Verse 1*

Prepare the way O Zion  
Your Christ is drawing near  
Let every hill and valley  
A level way appear  
Greet One who comes in glory  
Foretold in sacred story

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*Verse 2*

He brings God's rule O Zion  
He comes from heaven above  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice truth and love  
Lift high your praise resounding  
For grace and joy abounding

*Verse 3*

Fling wide your gates O Zion  
Your Savior's rule embrace  
And tidings of salvation  
Proclaim in every place  
All lands will bow before Him  
Their voices will adore Him

*Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

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

## MATTHEW 9:35-38

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOMILY

Andy Bramsen

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by 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.

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 THE PEOPLE

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy,*

**People:** Hear our prayer.

## 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

*O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

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*In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>*

*Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,*

**People: And of your own have we given you.**

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

## DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVED SACRAMENT

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*Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion.*

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. John 6:51, 55-56*

*Officiant: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.*

*If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with this prayer below:*

*A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion*

**Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood.**

**Amen.**

## HIS LOVE IS MY RESTING PLACE (PSALM 23)

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### Verse 1

The Lord is my guide and friend  
I rest well when I'm with him  
No hunger or thirst or anxious need  
When my Lord is here with me

### Chorus

His love is my resting place  
My Shepherd is kind and full of grace  
The arms of my Lord are strong and safe  
His love is my resting place

### Verse 2

The shadow of death may fall  
With darkness upon my way  
But always my Lord is near to me  
His love is my resting place

### Verse 3

Your goodness will be my feast  
Your kindness will overflow  
And always your love will follow me  
And your house will be my home

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## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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### Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me

### Verse 2

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy and love

### Verse 3

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside

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## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your  
goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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

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## WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!



## Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Bethel University and has studied at the University of South Carolina - Aiken, Baylor University, and University of Notre Dame. Andy has served our church as a member of the vestry and in numerous other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Which of the kinds of relating discussed in today's homily do you find most challenging? What are ways the body of Christ could help strengthen you in that "relational layer"?
- How might God be calling you to new or deeper forms of sacrificial love for the body of Christ?

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Join us in worship on Wednesdays and Sundays of each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Each time of worship follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30-40 minutes. Login information and a downloadable orders of service will be available at:

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

[Emphasis: God's Word for us.](#)

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

<https://oftheredeemer.org/events>

# SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY

## Generosity

If you would like to make cash donations for relief and redevelopment, [please give to our benevolence fund here](#). \$5000 will be given from our benevolence fund to support redevelopment work in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

We are also gathering essential items and groceries at the following drop off sites. Donations from all three sites will then be brought to a central drop off site in Minneapolis.

You may drop off at:

[Jonathan & Carol Loopstras' home](#) (Shoreview)

[Molly Riley's home](#) (St. Paul – Midway)

[Pete & Caitlyn Talberts' home](#) (St. Paul – Highland Park)

Requested items are listed below. Please contact the host of the drop-off site directly for directions.

### NONPERISHABLE FOOD

- Juice
- Water
- Dry Beans (Pinto, etc)
- Mac & Cheese
- Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal

### ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Soap (Hand, Bar, Dish, Laundry)
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Lotion

### BABY SUPPLIES

- Diapers (Variety of Sizes)
- Baby Wipes

## PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

## MESSAGE FROM BULGARIA

During our Easter celebration of generosity, a cash gift was sent to a ministry among Roma people in Bulgaria. Included below is a photo of the gift and message of thanks:

*Me and my co-workers in Bulgaria are so thankful for your heart of compassion for the poor and underprivileged here in our country. Your generous gift provided food supplies for 30+ poor Roma families. The gift was distributed to the poor through the hands of a pastor family, who live in the same gypsy district. Me and my wife have been discipling them from 3 year, using the methodology of D4D. Here are their exact words for you: "I want to thank to the donators of this, because they have the poor in their hearts. I think this most of all shows how you live your Christianity. I think that those hearts was given to them by God, so they truly fulfill his law – love your neighbor as yourself!"*

*Please receive my warm regards and blessings as you walk daily with the Lord!*

*Radi Asenov  
Discipling for Development Bulgaria*





# Together for Good

[Together For Good](#) (TFG) provides respite and crisis hosting of children in vulnerable families living without the resources and safety net that most of us have. Currently, four families at Church of the Redeemer are able to host children, and we have a team of others who pray, bring meals, take calls for the TFG office on the weekend, provide transportation, donate clothing, or help with monthly lunches for Moms. The isolation of a pandemic and a shockingly highlighted awareness for many about racial inequality means TFG is looking for more host families at a time when people are asking, "What could I do to be part of lasting change?" If this might be a pathway for you, talk to one of our own host families about their experience, or consider joining the Together for Good Team at Church of the Redeemer. If hosting children isn't an option, here are [six ways to support a host family](#). Contact [Deacon Liz](#) with questions.

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