



CHURCH OF THE  
**REDEEMER**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2020

## LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS

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### Verse 1

Like a river glorious  
Is God's perfect peace  
Over all victorious  
In it's bright increase  
Perfect yet it floweth  
Fuller every day  
Perfect yet it groweth  
Deeper all the way

### Chorus

Stayed upon Jehovah  
Hearts are fully blest  
Finding as He promised  
Perfect peace and rest

### Verse 2

Hidden in the hollow  
Of His blessed hand  
Never foe can follow  
Never traitor stand  
Not a surge of worry  
Not a shade of care  
Not a blast of hurry  
Touch the Spirit there

*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

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*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.**

### Verse 3

Every joy or trial  
Falleth from above  
Traced upon our dial  
By the sun of love  
We may trust Him fully  
All for us to do  
They who trust Him wholly  
Find Him wholly true

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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.**

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

### Verse 1

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

### Chorus

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

### Verse 2

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

### (BRIDGE)

You're the Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

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## ACTS 6:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

*The Holy Bible, ESV*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

## LUKE 12:32-34

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

*The Holy Bible, ESV*

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## HOMILY

Rev. Paul Calvin

## 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 in heaven hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins just as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours

Forever and ever. Amen. Amen.

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## THE COLLECT

*O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and on earth: Put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*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

*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.

## LORD OF ALL GOOD

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### Verse 1

Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to you,  
Pledges of love and offerings of our skill;  
Through them fulfill your purpose ever true  
As our whole life is offered to your will.

### Verse 2

We give our minds to understand your ways;  
Hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design.  
Your flame of love has set our hearts ablaze:  
Thus for your glory all our powers combine.

### Verse 3

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose sacrifice our lives are new;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
We give ourselves in gratitude to you!

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## CHRIST IS THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

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### Verse 1

In Christ we offer all that He has offered  
The perfect offering  
Christ is the life of the world (2X)

### Verse 2

So we remember all that He re-membered  
The whole of life returned  
Christ is the life of the world (2X)

### Bridge

Let us lift up lift our hearts  
Let us lift up lift our hearts  
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord

### Verse 3

Sent forth in beauty reconciling all things  
Radiant in holiness  
Christ is the life of the world (3X)

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

**People: Thanks be to God. 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!

## SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where else in scripture do we see examples of the “laying on of hands”? When did Jesus touch others?
- Does physical touch bear any special significance as an expression of honor or identity?
- How would you retell Acts 6:1-7 to an unbelieving neighbor? How were the actions of the Church in the first century expressions of the gospel to their communities?



## GATHERED WORSHIP AND BAPTISMS - SUNDAY, JULY 19

Mark your calendars! We're making preparations to gather for outdoor worship at the church on **Sunday, July 19, 4:30 p.m.** We'll observe baptisms, reaffirm the baptismal covenant together, and celebrate Holy Communion. The service will be streamed online for those who are unable to gather at the church.

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# BETTER TOGETHER

*Where groups of ten or fewer are gathered...*

Small gatherings have been organized to encourage group participation in outdoor worship via our online service. Please contact [Greta Dvorak](#) or [Molly Riley](#) with questions or to participate.

## 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:

<https://ofthedeemer.org/events>

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

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

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

## 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.

## READING OF ACTS 5 & 6



This summer we're studying the book of Acts together as a church. For the context around this Sunday's sermon, enjoy this reading of Acts chapters [5](#) & [6](#) by the Knight family.

## UPCOMING WEDDING



Katie Miller and Jake Pitchford intend to be married on Sunday, August 2 and I invite your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the first time of asking. - Fr. Paul

Almighty God, we thank you for the love of Katie and Jake, and we ask your blessing upon them and their families during this time of preparation. Open their minds and hearts to one another, enable them faithfully to receive your Word and Sacrament, and help us to support them, that they may rightly prepare for their marriage. And, we pray, give us wisdom to uphold and encourage all who have been united in Holy Matrimony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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