

For His Friends

Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
JOHN 15:13

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVANCE

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Please stand at the appropriate times.

9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION

THE ORGAN PRELUDE and THE WELCOME

(STAND)

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation UNDER GOD,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to the Faith for which it stands; ONE SAVIOR,
Eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

THE OPENING HYMN - "Battle Hymn Of The Republic" (See insert)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess
our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

C: O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess
unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended
Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them.

and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and
ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all
of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT (Pastor and Congregation speak alternately)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—those He redeemed

from the hand of the foe, those He gathered from the lands,
from the east and west, from north and south.

P: Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.

C: They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.
P: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

and He delivered them from their distress.

C: He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.
P: Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love

and His wonderful deeds to men, for He satisfies the thirsty and
fills the hungry with good things.

C: Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering
in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God
and despised the counsel of the Most High.

P: So He subjected them to bitter labor; they stumbled
and there was no one to help.

C: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and He saved them from their distress.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only
begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takes
away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most
high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Thou hast given us this good land as our heritage.
Grant that we remember Thy generosity and constantly do Thy will. Bless our land
with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from
violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil
course of action. Make us, who came from many nations with many different
languages, a united people. Defend our liberties, and give wisdom that there may be
justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful;
and in troubled times do not let our trust in Thee fail; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son,
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God,
world without end.

C: Amen. (Be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A: This the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (See insert)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 7:14-25a

A: This the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN: "America The Beautiful" (See insert)

(Stand)

THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT: Matthew 11:25-30

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His
Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all
things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was
made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered
and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and
the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge
one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection
of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please remain standing for the sermon hymn, if able)

THE SERMON HYMN - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (See insert)

THE SERMON - "Lay Down Your Burdens."

Text: Matthew 11:25-30

THE HYMN - "God Bless Our Troops" (See insert)

(Stand) (We will sing it through twice)

A HYMN OF SUPPLICATION - "God Bless America"

God bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam

Refrain: God bless America, My home sweet home!
God bless America, My home sweet home!

THE PRAYERS

After each petition the pastor will say "Lord, in Your mercy."

Congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

THE PREFACE OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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:

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. (Be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn - "Faith of Our Fathers" (See insert)

Hymn - "God Bless Our Native Land" (See insert)

Hymn - "Before the Lord We Bow" (See insert)

Hymn - "Swell the Anthem, Raise the Song" (See insert)

Hymn - "Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray" (See insert)

(Stand)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endureth forever.

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. C: Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you. C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen. (Please remain standing for the closing hymn, if able)

THE CLOSING HYMN - "God of Our Fathers" (See insert)

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The Presiding Minister - Rev. James A. Haugen, Jr.

The Assistant - Jerry Reber

The Organist - Karen Kostelnik

The Head Usher - Steve Szucs

Caring for the Altar - Rhea Browning

my burden is light.”
your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for
and learn from me, for I am gentle and
give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you,
labor and are heavy laden, and I will
reveal him. 28Come to me, all who
anyone to whom the Son chooses to
knows the Father except the Son and
the Son except the Father, and no one
me by my Father, and no one knows
27All things have been handed over to
Father, for such was your gracious will.
revealed them to little children; 26yes,
from the wise and understanding and
that you have hidden these things
you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
25At that time Jesus declared, “I thank

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus Christ our Lord!
death? 25Thanks be to God through
Who will deliver me from this body of
members. 24Wealthy man that I am!
tive to the law of sin that dwells in my
law of my mind and making me cap-
another law waging war against the
inner being, 23but I see in my members
22For I delight in the law of God, in my
want to do right, evil lies close at hand.
21So I find it to be a law that when I
me.

I who do it, but sin that dwells within
what I do not want, it is no longer
what I keep on doing. 20Now if I do
I want, but the evil I do not want is
it out. 19For I do not do the good
is right, but not the ability to carry
flesh. For I have the desire to do what

ing good dwells in me, that is, in my
within me. 18For I know that noth-
longer I who do it, but sin that dwells
law, that it is good. 17So now it is no
what I do not want, I agree with the
the very thing I hate. 16Now if I do
For I do not do what I want, but I do
15I do not understand my own actions.
but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.
14We know that the law is spiritual,

Ephistle: Romans 7:14-25a

to you double.
today I declare that I will restore
others of hope:
12Return to your stronghold, O pris-
the waterless pit.
I will set your prisoners free from
of my covenant with you,
11As for you also, because of the blood
the earth.
and from the River to the ends of
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
nations;

and he shall speak peace to the
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and the war horse from Jerusalem,
Ephraim

10I will cut off the chariot from
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
humble and mounted on a donkey,
he,

righteous and having salvation is
Behold, your King is coming to you;
Jerusalem!

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of

Zecchiah 9:9-12
Old Testament Reading:

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For a m - ber waves of grain;
 2. O beau - ti - ful for full - girt fleet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stores
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - cross proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years
 A thor - ough - fare for tree - dom beat A - crosses the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their com - try loved, And more than little
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!
 For pur - ple mount - ains, A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A - mer - i - cal God made thine ev - ry bair,
 A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal May God thy gold re - dain,
 A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God shed His grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God shade on thee,
 A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal May God thy gold re - dain,
 A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God shade on thee,
 And crown thy Good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing seal
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ry gain di - vine!

Katherine Lee Bates Samuel A. Ward

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with the line "E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the". The second staff begins with "2 O Christ, the Lord of". The third staff begins with "3 O Spi - ri - t, whom the". The fourth staff begins with "4 O Thin - i - ty of". The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics describe God's strength and salvation, mentioning hills, plains, storms, and dangers.

E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our feet - tic
3 O Spi - ri - t, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Thin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - clean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - train pass or val - ley low; Where -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -
own ap - point-ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tec them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
teet them where - so e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall
own ap - point-ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tec them by Thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
teet them where - so e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall
cry to Thee For those in per - ill on the sea.
guard - ing hand From ev - ry per - ill on the land.
watch - ful care From ev - ry per - ill in the land.
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Allegretto

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord; He is
 2. I have seen Him in the watch-trees of a hundred circling camps; They have
 3. I have read a her - y Gos-pel, writ in burnish'd rows of steel; As ye
 4. He has sound-ed forth the trumpet that shall nev - er call re-treat; He is
 5. In the beau - ty of the hill-es Christ was born a-cross the sea, With a
 build-ed Him in sil - ter in the eve-ning dews and damps; I can
 deal with My con-tem - ners, so with you My gracie shall deal, Let the
 sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat; Oh, be
 glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He
 CHORUS

Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hail - ie - lu - ja! His truth is march-ing on.
 Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hail - ie - lu - ja! Glo - ry! glo - ry! Hail - ie - lu - ja!

JULIA WARD HOWE William Steffe

pill - ghm's pride, From ev - ty moun - tain - side Let free-dom ting.
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thills like that a - bove.
breath - e par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light, Pro - tec us by thy might, Great God, our King.

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and hills, Thy woods and
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright, With free - dom's

4 Our fa - thers God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And sing from all the trees
2 My na - tive coun - try, there, Land of the no - ble free,
1 My coun - try, this of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,

MY COUNTRY, TIS OF THEE

This hymn is adapted from a version that was written by E. Sparrow of Cardiff, England,

Sung to the melody of "Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide"

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS

God bless our troops, in air, on land, and sea.
Full well we know how dear they are to Thee.
Where'er they go, whatever they may dare
God ever keep them in Thy gracious care.
God bless our troops, by night as well by day,
For we, at home, for them will ever pray.
That war and strife and enmity may cease,
And Thou will send us everlasting peace.
God bless our troops, oh, keep them ever near!
Make strong their faith, and drive out all their fear.
Give them a vision of Thine eternal love.
That nothing in this world can ever move.
God guard our troops, and though just now they roam,
Grant us our prayers, and bring them safely home.
God blesses our foes and cause their eyes to see
That peace alone can only come from Thee.

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
1
threw di - vine has led us in the past;
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the hand
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lance
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - migh - ty hand
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the hand
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lance
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

God of Our Fathers