

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 16 June 2024 | 10:00 am

# A Welcome from the Dean

Grace and peace be with you! On behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral family, I want to welcome you this morning into the warm embrace of this beloved community. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time in worship and fellowship with us today.

Jesus said, "when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them." Indeed, it is my hope that, through our prayers, music, preaching, and fellowship at God's table, you will feel the presence of Christ's love incarnate in this place.

Our vision is to empower people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world by living out the way of Christ's love. In covenant with God and each other, our shared mission is to be Christ's loving, healing, liberating, and reconciling presence in our city and in our diocese.

It is the custom of the Cathedral that during the Holy Eucharist, all are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine, or, if you prefer, a blessing. You are also welcome to stay seated in quiet contemplation. Just know that no matter who you are, where you're from, you are welcome at Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati.

If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral and ways to connect and get involved, please fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews, one of our ushers will be happy to receive it and one of our clergy members will reach out in the coming week or use the QR code located in the pew.

If you are able, please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in the library (follow the signs), and if you are joining us on the third Sunday of the month, please join us for a tasty brunch in the undercroft (follow the signs).

Again, I welcome you, and give God thanks for your presence with us today!

Your Brother in Christ, Dean Owen Thompson+ **Children** are welcome in worship! Many take delight in the sights, smells, and sounds of the liturgy. Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the nave. The **Pray and Play Pew** is an area designed specifically for little ones who need more room to move around. It includes items to help them worship their way—with wonder and wiggles. Another option for children and families is our **Children's Room**. There you will find caring staff and a safe space for open play during the worship service. Each Sunday includes a "circle time" of scripture stories and music as well as a snack. Children are welcome to worship with their families and come to the Children's Room just for circle time (during the sermon) or to come and stay for the entire service.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### **Genius Child**

- 1. Winter Moon
- 2. Genius Child
- 3. Kid in the Park
- 4. To Be Somebody
- 5. Troubled Woman
- 6. Strange Hurt
- 7. Prayer
- 8. Border Line
- 9. My People
- 10. Joy

Written for high voice and piano, Ricky Ian Gordon's Genius Child song cycle sets ten poems of Langston Hughes, one of America's most prolific writers to emerge during the Harlem Renaissance. The set begins from the perspective of an onlooker, examining and celebrating various facets of the human experience with an emphasis on the joy and fearlessness of youthful aspirations, all through a lens of liberation and choice. As the narrative progresses towards introspection and philosophical questioning of one's own purpose, Gordon and Hughes conclude the cycle of poetry by asserting that radical self-acceptance is the key to true joy.

Texts: Langston Hughes (1901-1967) Music: Ricky Ian Gordon (b. 1956)

> Candace Williams, soprano Billie Miller, piano

## THE WORD OF GOD

## Organ Voluntary

#### **Steal Away**

Iain Farrington (b. 1977)

The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

Hymn at the Entrance

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Hymnal 1982: No. 390

## The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity. And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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.** 

Song of Praise

Gloria in excelsis







## The Collect of the Day

# God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The People sit.

The First Lesson

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 (NRSV)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \* the Name of the God of Jacob defend you; Send you help from his holy place \* and strengthen you out of Zion; Remember all your offerings \* and accept your burnt sacrifice; Grant you your heart's desire \* and prosper all your plans. We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; \* may the Lord grant all your requests. Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \* he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand. Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \* but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God. They collapse and fall down, \* but we will arise and stand upright. O Lord, give victory to the king \* and answer us when we call. Psalm 20

Chant: John Robinson (1682-1762)

## The Second Lesson

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that

you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

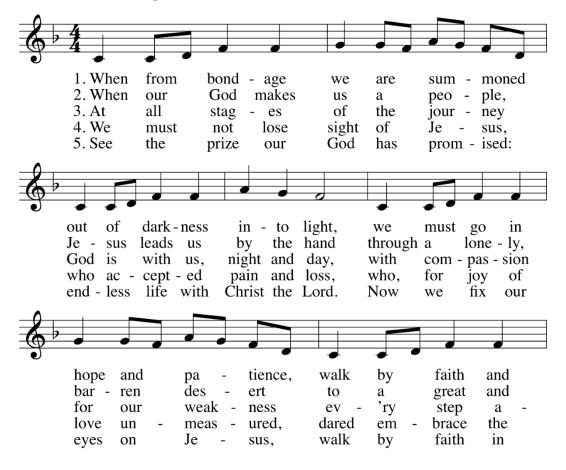
2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (NRSV)

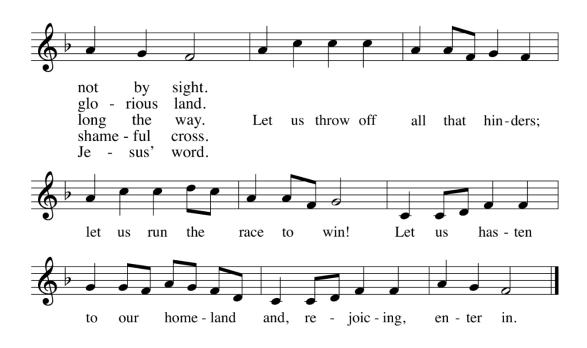
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

### The People stand.

Hymn at the Sequence

## When from bondage we are summoned





## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

The Sermon

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

The Deacon bids the Prayers of the People, saying Gracious God, open our ears to hear your word, and proclaim your good news to the world.

The Intercessor offers prayers for the Church, the Nation, the welfare of the world, the community, those who suffer, and the departed.

*after each petition* Gracious God, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.** 

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect. The People respond Amen.

## Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

## Anthem at the Offertory

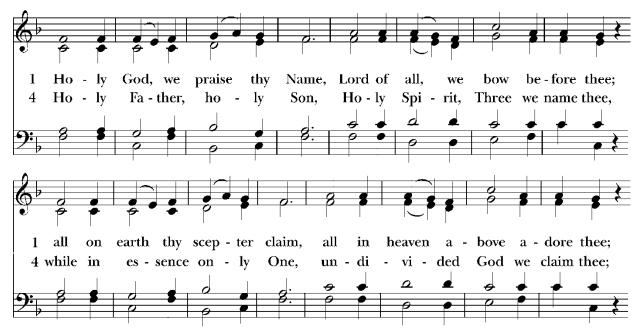
## O Be Joyful

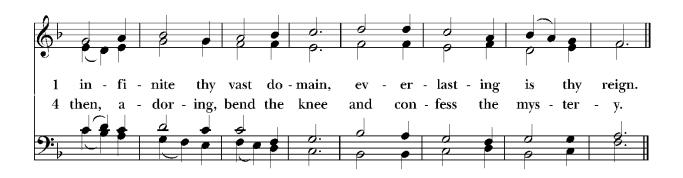
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

> Text: Psalm 100 (BCP) Music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

## Hymn at the Presentation

#### Holy God we praise thy Name





The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

God be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.** 

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

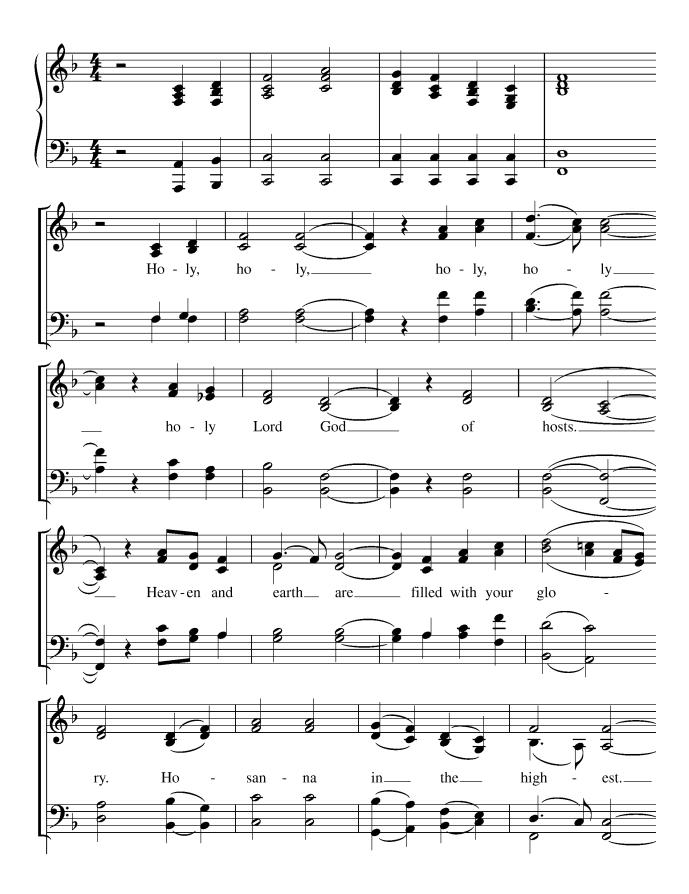
## Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

### By his blood, he reconciled us.

## By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





And so, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now that work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

# We celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ's return.

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in the name of Jesus.

## Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says an Invitation to Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

## Music at the Communion

## Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

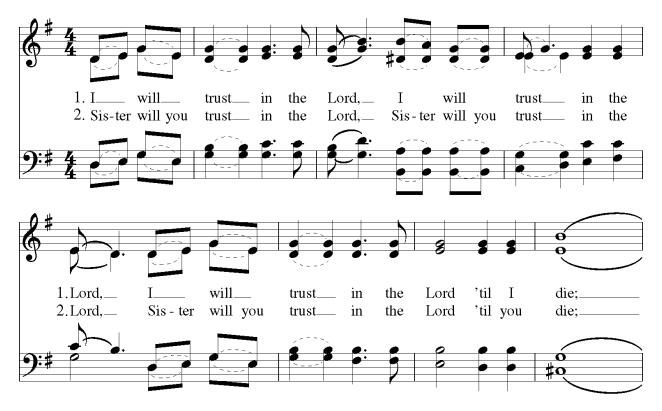
Almighty God, your word is cast Like seed into the ground; Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.

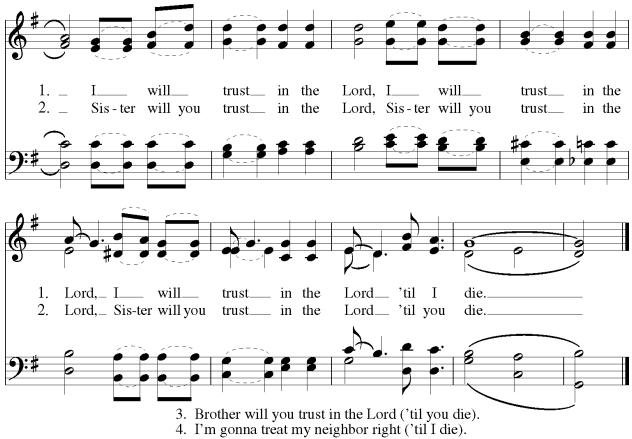
Let not of selfishness and hate This holy seed remove, But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy, But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

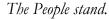
> Text: Joan Cawood (1775-1852) Music: Peter Pindar Stearns (1931-2016)

### I will trust in the Lord





5. I'm gonna hold my savior's hand ('til I die).



The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen. The Blessing

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. The People respond Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

Love divine, all loves excelling

*The Hymnal 1982*: No. 657

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, says a dismissal. The People respond **Thanks be to God.** 

Organ Voluntary

Oh, Freedom

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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Immediately after the organ voluntary, clergy are available for healing prayer and anointing with oil at the communion rails.

Please join us for our annual parish picnic!

#### Ministers

The Very Reverend Owen Thompson, Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Brian Blayer, Deacon

> Steve van Allen, Lay Eucharistic Minister Susan Anuforo, Lay Eucharistic Minister George Mutema, Lay Eucharistic Minister Susan Pace, Lay Eucharistic Minister

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