



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

8:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

*Complainte*, Op. 31, No. 3

Louis Vierne

### INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

### A PRAYER OF LAMENT

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,  
the losses that this community has suffered.  
We have missed our weekly assembled worship,  
our sharing of bread and cup,  
our communal song,  
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;  
gatherings for education;  
fellowship times;  
the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each day we gather,  
and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.  
O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

Restore us, gracious God.

**Restore us, gracious God.**

We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,  
the tragedies that our world has experienced.  
We lament the millions sickened;  
the countless dead;  
thousands unemployed;  
medical systems depleted;  
economic security threatened;  
government assistance inadequate;  
political discord escalated;  
racial injustice intensified;  
communal engagements canceled.

O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.

Heal us, compassionate God.

**Heal us, compassionate God.**

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,

we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:  
we praise you for worship in word and sacrament;  
for the personal presence of our pastors, our deacon, and ministers;  
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;  
for communal song and live music;  
for fellowship gatherings;  
for Bible study;  
for service with one another for the wider community;  
for the mutual consolation of the faithful.  
O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together.  
Empower our church, faithful God.  
**Empower our church, faithful God.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of safe harbor, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world: with health restored; mourners consoled; vaccines available; hospitals restocked; employment reinstated; poverty averted; sustenance shared; science respected; travel resumed; fear replaced with confidence; and sorrow turned to joy. O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world. Renew the whole world, merciful God, grant us your peace we pray,  
**Amen.**

#### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"I Lift My Eyes to the Hills"  
*(based on Psalm 121)*

Ian Kellam

#### FIRST READING

Today's reading is from the Psalms:

Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup>How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
<sup>2</sup>How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
<sup>3</sup>Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
<sup>4</sup>and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.  
<sup>5</sup>But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
<sup>6</sup>I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."  
<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.  
<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.  
<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.  
<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.  
<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
our years come to an end like a sigh.  
<sup>10</sup>The days of our life are seventy years,  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.  
<sup>12</sup>So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.  
<sup>13</sup>Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!  
<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
<sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands —  
O prosper the work of our hands!

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## SERMON

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping”

*The solo is from our new worship supplement “All Creation Sings.”*

North American Traditional

*Text by Adam M. C. Tice*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As the beloved of God, washed in the waters of Baptism, let us pray for the mission of the Church, the needs of the world and for all who seek healing and peace.

Each petition concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

## LORD’S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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 forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Fugue on "St. Anne"

Paul O. Manz

PREACHING Pastor Peter Nycklemoe  
PRESIDING Pastor Melissa Pohlman  
ASSISTING Jack Friesen  
ORGANISTS Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio, Isaac Drewes  
SOLOIST Robin Helgen  
VIDEO/SOUND Mark Kieffer

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