**FORTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 28, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

“Fantasia in G, BWV 572”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

**OPENING WORDS**

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

**SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.  And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive reading)

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: God calls us by name into the presence of something that is truly holy.

People: God calls us together by our names that we may be God’s holy people.

Leader: We answer this call by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: We open ourselves to the indwelling presence of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and by this we are saved and made whole.

Leader: This good news is for you and for all. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN #366 (vs. 1, 2, 3)*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**HYFRYDOL**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thée we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: God’s loving-kindness endures forever. Trusting in this mercy, let us confess our sins together. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, have mercy upon us, for our lack of compassion toward the poor;
For our failure to end our destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on earth;
For our disbelief in your power to make us whole
    and our unwillingness to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you;
For making war, for neglecting the migrant and stranger,
    for what we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts.
Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins. In Christ’s name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
Leader: The One who was and is and is to come knows us through and through. Christ has overcome death and sin so that we might be healed and made fully alive to God in Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

HYMN #366 (ts. 4)
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL
Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS Romans 6:1-11 The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES Sara Hackett

ORGAN MEDITATION “The Peace May Be Exchanged” (from Rubrics) Dan Locklair

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:26-39 The Rev. Dr. Bush
So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON

“Fear, Faith & Life”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #661 (vs. 1, 2)

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I’m happy, (I’m happy)
I sing because I’m free, (I’m free)
For his eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #753 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“The people respond – Amen!”

(from Rubrics)

Dan Locklair
LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven, to
earth come down, fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing; all thy
faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion;

2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
find the prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
mor-e thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,

3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
ly re-stored in thee: changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.
pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.
**His Eye Is On The Sparrow (vs. 1, 2)**

1 Why should I feel discour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,

when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;

his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

Refrain

I sing be-cause I’m hap-py, (I’m hap-py) I sing be-cause I’m free, (I’m free)

This hymn based on Jesus’ saying about God’s care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29–30/Luke 12:6–7) began with the refrain’s last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

**TEXT:** Civilla DuFurce Martin, 1905  
**MUSIC:** Charles H. Gabriel, 1905  
**SPARROW**  
**Irregular**
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
2 Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
4 Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in

there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and there is darkness, only light,
and giving of ourselves that we receive, and in

where there’s doubt, true faith in you.
where there’s sadness, ever joy.
dying that we’re born to eternal life.

3 O, Master, grant that I may never seek so
much to be consoled as to console, to be

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint’s spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.


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understood as to understand, to be
loved as to love with all my soul.
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