

9 am Sunday Worship, June 28, 2020

The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

Worship Livestream at <u>www.facebook.com/elcvienna</u>





Introduction

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Welcome

A Prayer for Healing

Pastor: In this time of pandemic and racial tensions, let us pray...

A moment of silence for reflection.

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease: from fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying, from fear and worry, from stress and weariness, from isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss **All: heal us, O Lord.**

Pastor: From the sin of racism and injustice: from white supremacy and racist rhetoric, from personal and structural racism, from white privilege and race bias, from police brutality and political provocateurs, from violence and riots, from destruction and death

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds. We are all your children. For our families and friends, all communities and all nations, for all our neighbors, we pray

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, we believe in your healing and forgiveness. We believe in your love and new life. And so, in faith and hope, in Jesus' name we pray **All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.**

Prelude Red Letters (Text for Reflection)



Verse 1

There I was on death row Guilty in the first degree Son of God hanging on a hill Hell was my destiny

Verse 2

The crowd was shouting crucify
Could've come from these lips of mine
The dirty shame was killing me
It would take a miracle to wash me clean

Chorus 1

Then (When) I read the red letters And the ground began to shake The prison walls started falling And I became a free man that day

Verse 3

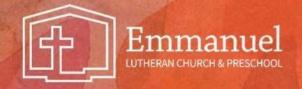
Felt like lightning hit my veins My dead heart began to beat Breath of God filled my lungs And the Holy Ghost awakened me Yeah the Holy Ghost awakened me

Bridge

For God so loved the whole wide world Sent His only Son to die for me Arms spread wide for the whole wide world His arms spread wide where mine should be Jesus changed my destiny

Chorus 2

Thank You God for red letters And the ground began to shake The grace of God started falling And I became a free man that day



The prison walls started falling And I am a free man today

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Invocation

Pastor: We are gathered to worship in the name of the Father, \pm the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Opening Song

No Longer Slaves No Longer Slaves

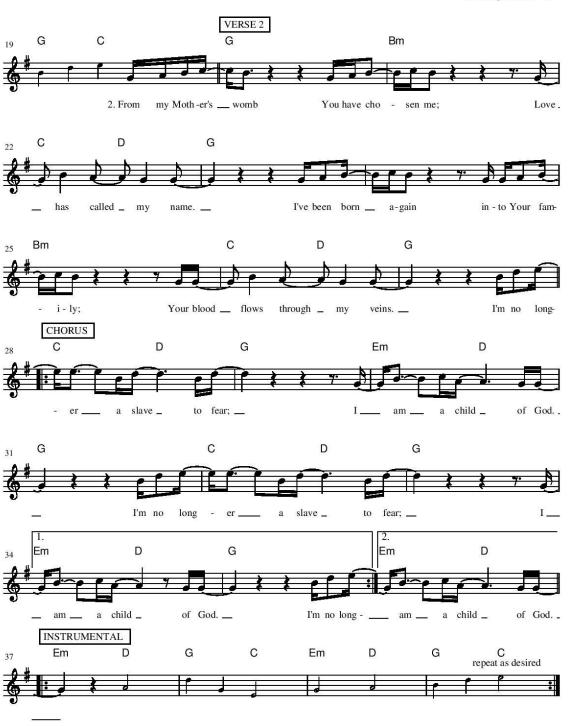
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Jonathan David Helser, Brian Johnson and Joel Case VERSE 1 un - rav - el me D G with _ song __ of de-liv-er - ance from my en - e -D long-- mies till all ____ fears _ I'm no my are gone. __ CHORUS D G D Em a child _ of God. D G C G I ___ I'm no long slave _ to fear; __ INSTRUMENTAL D G C D Em am ___ a child _ of God. ___

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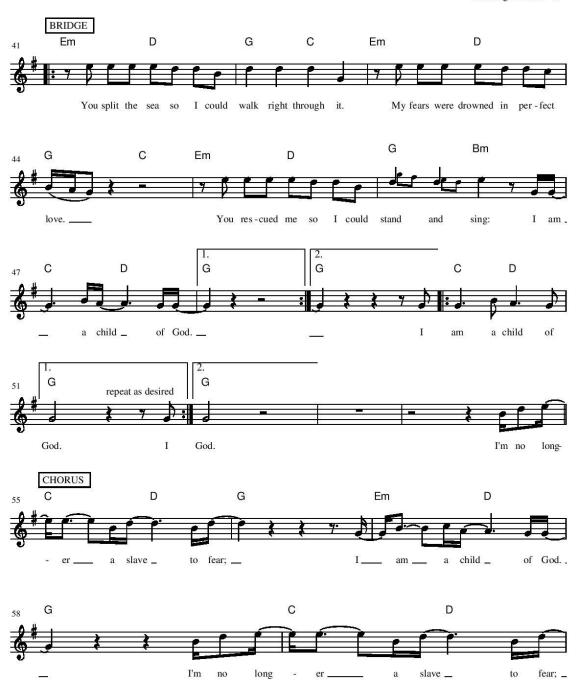


No Longer Slaves - 2





No Longer Slaves - 3





No Longer Slaves - 4



Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God, All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through & Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise Glory To God- WOV 5 with organ









Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.



Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

Reader: ⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

Reader: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

All: ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

Reader: 3"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

All: "I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations."

Reader: ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!



They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

All: 16They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

Reader: ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

All: 18Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Reader: ¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



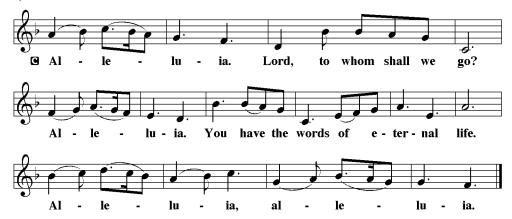
Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

The Gospel Acclamation

(WOV 5) Revelation led



Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Matthew, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!



A Word

"Welcome" based on Matthew 10:40-42 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

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Apostles' Creed

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession

Leader: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Leader: God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Bless our search for a pastor for evangelism and mission. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.



Leader: God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned (*especially*). Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of healing, you give comfort. Bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at www.elcvienna.org/give or mailed into the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Offertory Partita on "Ora Labora" (Come, Labor On) Arr. Lovelace Hymn, Deciso, Duples, Triplets, Canon

Peace

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: 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.

Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Announcements

Blessing

Pastor: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God the creator, + Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.



Hymn

All Are Welcome

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Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Introduction" and "Toccata" from Partita on *Ora Labora* (Come, Labor On) Arr. Lovelace

Thank you so much for worshipping with us!

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God bless you!