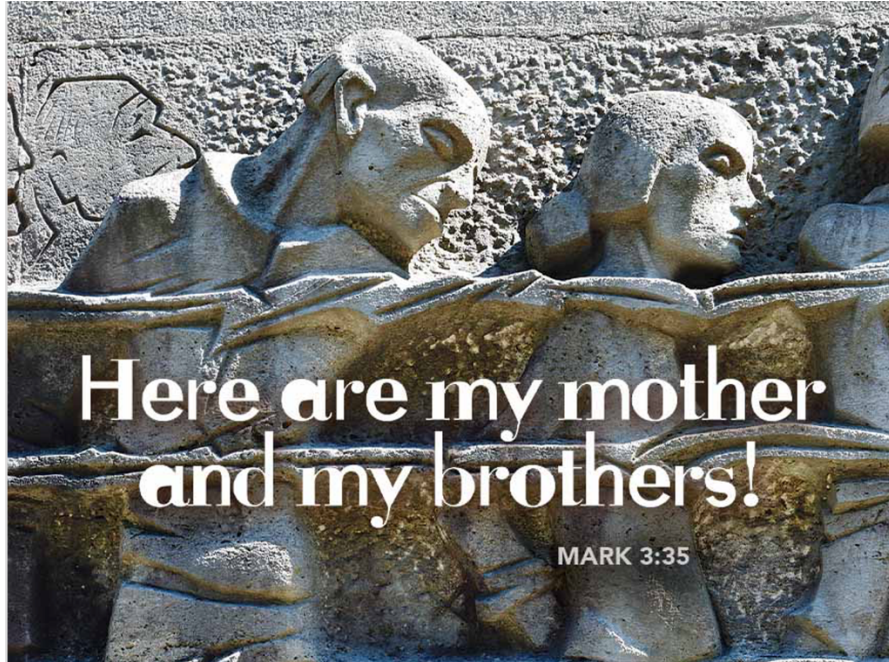


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
June 6, 2021
Second Sunday after Pentecost



Introduction to the Day

In today's Gospel from Mark Jesus' family thinks he's crazy, and the scribes claim he is possessed by Satan. Indeed Jesus is possessed by a new vision of what it means to live in community and in relationship with God. We might be tempted to adopt a vague notion of "faith" as the only criterion for inclusion in this family, but Jesus' teaching will not allow us to separate faith from faithfulness or discipleship from submission.

Words of Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Acknowledgement of the Land

We gather each week to worship and pray on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. For thousands of years they have walked the land and paddled the waters of the Salish Sea. We are grateful to the Squamish, Musqueam and the Tsleil-Waututh Nations for their stewardship of these lands and adjoining waters throughout the ages.

Kyrie

Have Mercy, O God

A Kyrie

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has four measures with chords Dm, Gm, Dm, and A7. The second staff has six measures with chords Dm, Gm, Bb, Dm, A7, and Dm. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Have mer-cy, O God We don't know what we do Heal us, heal
Have mer-cy, O God We wan - der off _ the way Guide us, guide
Have mer-cy, O God Re - store our wear - y world Free us, free

us Have mer-cy, O Christ We don't know what we do Make us whole
us Have mer-cy, O Christ We wan - der off _ the way Give us life
us Have mer-cy, O Christ Re - store our wear - y world Grant us peace

Prayer

Faithful God,

We remember the many, many, Indigenous children who did not return from residential school, including those whose remains were discovered on the grounds of the Kamloops (Tk'emlúps) Residential School. Grant comfort in the midst of grief and trauma. Strengthen the Secwépemc people, Indian Residential School survivors, their families and their communities as they process this tragic loss. Renew our commitment to the journey of truth-telling, mourning and responsibility and guide us in the ways of healing and love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW #777- verses 1 and 5

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i> |
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Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 130

Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (*Ps. 130:7*)

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

²**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared. R

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the Lord shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but

whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection - Pr. Vida

O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Intercessions

Let us come before God in prayer, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "We cry to you, O Lord."

A brief silence.

O God, on this Sunday we ask you to sustain believers around the world. In our own context in the BC Synod, give wisdom to pastors, musicians, and Worship and Covid Safety Committees as they make plans for a return to in-person worship or hybrid ministry.

For the church we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

On this National Animal Rights day, we ask you to safeguard animals, both wild and tame. Give them the habitat they need, and rescue all animals from abuse.

For the earth we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

On this Canadian Armed Forces Day, we are thankful for all who serve in the Canadian Forces. We are grateful for all who answer the call to serve — in zones of conflict and war or in times of crisis and emergency in our own country. We especially lift up women soldiers who have suffered and reported sexual misconduct by their superiors and peers. Grant them justice for their cause. We pray that all military personnel not abuse their positions of power, but pursue their mission with discipline and honour, with respect for one another regardless of rank or gender. Lastly, we pray for military chaplains of all faiths. May your Spirit of truth grant them the words they need to comfort and support as they minister to our military personnel, especially those who are far from their homes and loved ones. *A brief silence.*

For those who serve our country we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

As the pandemic is beginning to subside in our province, we pray for patience commitment to continue to follow public health orders and guidance and respect for one another's risk tolerance as restrictions are lifted and become optional. Strengthen both those who are recovering from disease and those who now face death. Bring healing to humanity as it struggles against the coronavirus. *A brief silence.*

For recovery from illness we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Healer of our every ill, we ask you to comfort all who suffer and to heal the sick. Provide care for all persons afflicted with mental illness, and sustain their families. Visit those whose pain is hidden from us, those who grieve the loss of loved ones, those who are isolated or live alone, and those we name here before you: Tanya, Tilly, Billy, Aud, Gerry, Pastor Larry, Pat O., Arlene and Warren, Pat S. and Ron. . . . Once again we ask that you empower each of us, that we never lose heart, and that you receive our silent prayers. *A brief silence.*

For members of our community and ourselves we pray:

We cry to you, O Lord.

Merciful and Holy One, Creator of All, we remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in the faith, those we name here before you – especially Rev. Ginny Doctor, and Rev. Vivian Seegers – and we ask you to welcome us with them into your eternal life. And as we did at the beginning of this service, we once more remember the many Indigenous children who did not return from residential school, may their spirits have peace, and their bodies be brought home to their lands. And help us to take our shock and horror, and turn it into right action that works for right relations. *A brief silence.*

For healing, justice and hope, and life forevermore we pray:
We cry to you, O Lord.

Into your hands, mighty God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Offering

At this point in our worship services we usually receive the Offering. In the Offering, we not only offer our financial gifts for the ministry of the church, but we also make a recommitment, an offering, of ourselves for Christ's ministry in the world.

Thank you for your faithful support through your financial gifts to the ministry of Gloria Dei and through which your gifts also support ministry in our Synod, across the ELCIC, and out in the global world beyond these borders.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
Maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,
for calling creation into being,
declaring forgiveness from the cross,
and delivering the spirit of rebirth.

We praise you, O God, for your Word:
we praise you, O God, for your Word.

Your word is a lamp lighting our path,
a mirror reflecting our selves,
a shield providing us refuge,
a fire burning for justice and truth.
Your word is sweeter than honey:
it nourishes our bodies like milk,
it sustains your people like bread.
We receive your promises, more treasured than gold.
We bless you, O God, for your Word:
we bless you, O God, for your Word.

Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints,
and to all the cries of the needy.
Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ,
that heeding your voice of beauty and power
we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.

To you, Father, Son, and Spirit—the Source, Word, and Breath—
we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.
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Amen.

Our Father

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

The Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn - ELW #733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God

Postlude



Announcement: We are planning the return to indoor worship on Sunday, June 13. **Pre-registration is required**, as the sanctuary can only accommodate about 40 people with social distancing still in effect, and we do not want to turn anyone away on the morning of the service. This means you need to pre-register by sending an email to gloriadei5838@gmail.com Please put “June 13 worship” in the subject line and indicate how many from your household plan to attend.



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All are welcome here!
May God go with you on your journey this Week.



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