

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost and the Baptism of Charlotte Catherine Riggi June 25, 2023 9:00am

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Welcome

Opening Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.

Reborn, we share with him
an Easter life as living members
of a living Christ.

Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God. Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing:

Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues: There is one body and one Spirit;

People:There is one hope in God's call to us;Celebrant:One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Clergy Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my

bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Reader The Word of the Lord **People** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69: 8-20

| 8 | Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * | 14 | But as for me, this is my prayer to you, * at the time you have set, O Lord: |
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| | and shame has covered my face. | 15 | "In your great mercy, O God, * |
| 9 | I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * | | answer me with your unfailing help. |
| | an alien to my mother's children. | 16 | Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * |
| 10 | Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * | | let me be rescued from those who hate me |
| | the scorn of those | | and out of the deep waters. |
| | who scorn you has fallen upon me. | 17 | Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, |
| 11 | I humbled myself with fasting, * | | neither let the deep swallow me up; * |
| | but that was turned to my reproach. | | do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me. |
| 12 | I put on sack-cloth also, * | 18 | Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; * |
| | and became a byword among them. | | in your great compassion, turn to me." |
| 13 | Those who sit at the gate | 19 | Hide not your face from your servant; * |
| | murmur against me, * | | be swift and answer me, for I am in distress. |
| | and the drunkards make songs about me. | 20 | Draw near to me and redeem me; * |
| | C | | because of my enemies deliver me." |

Sequence Hymn 530

Spread, o spread thou mighty word

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord, that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still; how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove; how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name; how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long, spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

Holy Gospel Matthew 10: 24-39

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "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 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."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and godparents I present Charlotte Catherine to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant to parents and godparents Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is

brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and godparents I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures

of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Ouestion Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant to the congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Charlotte and her

parents and godparents, in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own

baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power

of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and

in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to

the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every

human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Charlotte who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Led by Parents and Godparents

Deliver Charlotte O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in

the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns

now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you**.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Touching the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that she who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Baptism

Charlotte Catherine, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant Charlotte Catherine, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own

forever. Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant Charlotte, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people joyfully greet one another with the Love of Christ.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Offertory

Down to the Water

Doxology - Hymn 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

PriestThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PriestLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is said here.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Hymnal S-125

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

Music at Communion

Where Charity and Love

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 537

Christ for the world we sing

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Pavilioned in Splendor

Richard Lloyd

Special thank you to the music ministry of Organist Tom Murphy

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