

# Worship at Home

*Sunday, June 13, 2021 - Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Officiant: The Rev. Molly Finlay

Preacher: Lo Cook

Music Director: Cara Halpin

via Zoom or Dial-In



# Opening Hymn

## *Praise, My Soul*

(CP 381)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress;  
praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.



# The Collect

*Officiant* Together, let us pray.

*All* Almighty God,  
without you we are not able to please you.  
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



# Reading

**2 Corinthians 5:6-17** (Read by Alex Nicholson)

**Reader**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.



# Reading

**2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

(Read by Alex Nicholson)

**Reader**

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

**All**

Thanks be to God.



# Psalm 20

*Please join on the alternating bolded verses  
of the psalm with John Quaggin*

*Officiant*

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

*All*

**Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out of Zion;**

*Officiant*

Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

*All*

**Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.**

*Officiant*

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.

*All*

**Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

*Officiant*

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

*All*

**They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.**

*Officiant*

O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.



# Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

(Read by Lo Cook)

**Reader**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Word of the Lord.

**All**

Thanks be to God.



# **Homily: Lo Cook**



# The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith as we say,

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



# Invitation to Christian Stewardship

*We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.*

*We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our website.*

**Officiant** Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All** Amen.



# **Prayers of the People, Led by Susan Evans**



# The Confession

*Officiant*

Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins. Most merciful God,

*All*

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

Amen.



# The Absolution

*Officiant*    Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    Amen.



# The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant*     And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
                  we are bold to say,

*All*            **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, the power, and the glory,  
                  for ever and ever.**

Amen.



# **The Blessing**

# **Announcements**



# Closing Hymn

## *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(CP 384)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.



# The Dismissal

*Officiant*      Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*All*      Thanks be to God.

