

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

We finish reading from the second great discourse of Matthew today, the mission instructions given to the disciples and given still to us. We are exhorted to welcome those who come to our communities, faithfully speaking the word of God, and we are urged to welcome with a cup of cold water the littlest and most vulnerable of people. On this "cup of cold water Sunday," join together with your congregation — **at 10 am, if you are able** — to hear the word of God and pray in your own home. These materials offer you many ways to do that. Then consider how you may offer that cup of water to others, even when "socially distanced."

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020**

Our Common Prayer at Home

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging the entire worship video.

Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

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.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading:

Music may be found at:

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200628/playlist>

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³“I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

**⁴I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’” R**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

**¹⁶They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

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

**¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

“War, famine, and pestilence,” prophesied by the ancient prophets, are all around us today. We may wish to listen to people who speak of peace instead. We may long to say “amen” to their promises. But false comfort is worse than no comfort at all. Instead, in a hard time, we who have been baptized into Christ should offer welcome to people who speak the truth and we should offer comfort — “a cup of cold water” — to the least and littlest ones, the ones hurt by these times. The truth-speakers are the very emissaries of God. And the little ones, the vulnerable and unjustly treated ones, are the very presence of Jesus Christ to us. The truth in Christ saves us, turning our bodies from sin to real righteousness, from death to real life, from lies to love.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Fourth Sunday after Pentecost sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200628/playlist>

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at
<https://www.relcarlton.org/hw/20200628/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #707

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are written in soprano and alto clefs, and the piano part is in bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the vocal lines.

bless - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Then pray these intercessions:

Although distant from each other, we are called to join together to pray for our needy world. In response to each bid, you are invited to offer your own prayers, silently or aloud, and to conclude each petition with the words “Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**”

Let us pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for our own congregation and for Pastor Linman.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the health of the earth – its lands, its seas, its animals.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for those who work in our fields and produce our food.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for peace between and within nations.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for President Trump, the Congress, and the Supreme Court.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for a right observance of the Fourth of July.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for those who are oppressed, or enslaved, or poverty-stricken.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for an end to racism.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for both protesters and police.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for all who are sick, especially Don Hanson, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, and Jack Mulloy.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for all who are sick or sorrowing from the coronavirus.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for medical workers and researchers.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for families facing an unprecedented summertime.

A time for prayer.

Hear us, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

Let us thank God for Bishop Irenaeus, the apostles Peter, Paul, and Thomas, and all those who have died in the faith, and let us pray that at our end we will join them in God's presence.

A time for prayer.

Receive our praise, O God, our light and our shield: **your mercy is great.**

O God, the Holy One, you are yourself the cup of cold water we crave, relieving our deep thirst. Receive these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, for your mercy is great, now and forever. **Amen**

*Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at
<https://www.relcarrington.org/hw/20200628/playlist>*

HYMN #575

In Christ Called to Baptize



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.
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Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, ⁺ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen.

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**



Readings for the Week:

Monday (Peter and Paul, Apostles) John 21:15-19. **Tuesday** I John 4:1-6.

Wednesday (commemoration of Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators) Matthew 11: 20-24. **Thursday** Psalm 145:8-14.

Friday (Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **Saturday** Luke 10:21-24. **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.