

Communion Sunday
First Church In Pembroke
Sunday, August 4th, 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?” (Psalm 137:1-4)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: With reverence and in one accord, let us pay homage to our Maker.

C: With clean hands and a pure heart we pay obeisance to our Maker.

P: With joy and contentment let us break out in jubilation to the King of the earth!

C: If we forget to praise him and if we forget to exalt his name then what is our purpose on earth?

P: In his own words he spoke these words: “Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

C: Happy we will be when the trumpet of the Lord will sound, because elated and contented we will rise to meet the Lord in the air.

P: With all reverence my people, with all reverence be wise to stand in the company of greatness!

C: His words are wisdom and life, even the hem of his garment contains remarkable healing!

ALL: Therefore, this morning, as we gather in his presence, we pray that all of heaven will join in our anthem to the only wise, immortal and invincible God! Amen.

HYMN: R#6 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

When the people of Israel were held in captivity in Egypt for about 430 years their road to freedom seemed long and dreary. With many prayers and anticipation there came a day when all was made well; and their bells of freedom did ring! Lord, as we seek your presence among us, we long for our own bells of freedom from all forms of vexations and encumbrances in our lives. Let our souls rise to meet you and let our prayers and singing fill this sanctuary. Let all that is within us praise you, and let this day become our 'new day' that all will be made well, here at church and in our lives, now and forevermore. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN & THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART:

READING: 1 John 2:14-20

SERMON:

**“Living in a World of Lust and Fleshly Pride”
by Rev. Miriam Theodore**

HYMN: R#288 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts we praise you O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

HYMN: B#547 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: