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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

June 25, 2023.....11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Bob Dandridge, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Voluntary in D minorJohn Stanley (1712-1786)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 372Praise to the living God! LEONI

The liturgy continues on page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEOHymn 421 ALLEIN GOTT

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE FIRST LESSONJeremiah 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.

METRICAL PSALM 69:8-11, 18-20 Tune: CHESHIRE (Hymn #581)

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| <p>1. Let not your people be ashamed
 Of me in anything;
 Let them not be disgraced by me,
 Lord God of hosts, our King.</p> | <p>3. My zealously to save your house
 Consumes me totally;
 The scorn of those who scorn you, Lord,
 Has fallen down on me.</p> |
| <p>2. Surely for you I suffered scorn
 And shame covered my face;
 I am a stranger to my own,
 An alien to my race.</p> | |

4. "Let me not sink deep in the mire,
Save me from ev'ry foe;
Lord, save me from the waterfloods,
Let them not overflow.

5. Let not the deep swallow me up,
The Pit close over me;
In your compassion, Lord, and love,
Turn to me, hear my plea."

THE EPISTLE.....Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

HYMN 661 They cast their nets in Galilee..... GEORGETOWN

THE HOLY GOSPELMatthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "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 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.”

SERMON..... The Rev. Bob Dandridge

THE NICENE CREED.....Prayer Book, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV.....Prayer Book, page 388

CONFESSION OF SINPrayer Book, page 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEMJubilate Deo Richard Purvis

The anthem text may be found on page 45 of the Prayer Book.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – PRAYER B.....Prayer Book, page 367

SANCTUS S-125..... Richard Proulx, *A Community Mass*

FRACTION ANTHEM S-161 David Hurd, *New Plainsong*

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

HYMN 178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord..... ALLELUIA NO. 1

HYMNI have decided to follow Jesus ASSAM

The second communion hymn is found on the next page of this leaflet.



1. I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus,
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus,
 though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 the world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus,
 though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 the world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,



No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back!

Words: attr. Simon Kama Marak (1877-1975), ca. 1930s

Music: ASSAM, attr. Simon K. Marak

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Prayer Book, page 365

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN 537 Christ for the world we sing! MOSCOW

ORGAN POSTLUDE Voluntary in C John Stanley

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

SERVING TODAY

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Holly McIntyre
Lucie Thornton
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Melissa Fowle
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike & Laura Wilkerson
ALTAR GUILD

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.

Monday–Saturday Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

A note on today's second communion hymn

From its earliest publication in the 1950s, “I have decided to follow Jesus” has been attributed to a range of sources: a folk song from India, an American revival tune, the work of an Indian prince, or simply “Anonymous.” Northeastern Indian hymnals of the time only printed texts of hymns; melodies were passed down orally/aurally. Very little has been known of the song’s origins until recent scholarship and interviews with Garo Baptist archivists.

The tune, ASSAM, is named for a region of northeastern India. Portuguese missionary activity in this region long predates British colonial rule. However, the most influential missionaries were the American Baptists of the 19th century. The Americans reported the first baptism of an Assamese convert in 1841.

The most common myth is that “I have decided” was first sung by an Indian Christian convert at his martyrdom. He sang each successive stanza as the Garo tribal warriors killed his children and his wife. The Garo chief was deeply moved by the man’s witness in the face of certain death, and so the Garo village (Nokseng) was converted to Christianity. This story was first spread by Peramangalam Porinju Job (1945–2012), “the Billy Graham of India.” But there are no corroborating accounts by any missionaries.

A similar story relates the martyrdom of the Garo man to Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889–1929), an Indian Christian missionary who converted from Sikhism as a boy. Here, too, there is little supporting evidence; at least fifty years passed between the alleged Garo martyrdom and Singh’s life.

Global church music scholar C. Michael Hawn attributes the tune and text to Simon Kama Marak. Simon was a Garo Baptist pastor, schoolteacher, and missionary. He was said to have sung “I have decided” every day, and

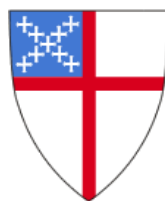
the song was formative for all his children. By the 1940s, “I have decided” was a staple of services at the Jorhat Mission School, and it was sung at other churches. Simon experienced personal tragedy in his life: four of his wives died, and two children at their births. He also struggled financially, being paid a minimum salary. This hymn served as his life’s refrain despite such tragedy and financial struggle. It was disseminated internationally starting in the 1950s by Zondervan. Hawn concludes his chapter on the hymn with the following:

Though the origin narratives of the Garo [martyr] and his family and Singh’s possible role in preparing the song are doubtful as fact, those having grown up in an evangelical context are aware that similar and verifiable missionary narratives of martyrdom and rejection are a part of the tradition. The authorship of Simon Marak, though based on a less dramatic account, rings with truth.

[...]

The ultimate efficacy of “I have decided to follow Jesus” resides...in the central message and compositional coherence that express the experience and faith of those who sing it.

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus: Fact, Truth, and Meaning in Congregational Song,” by C. Michael Hawn. In *The Gift of Music: Essays on Church Music and Hymnology*, 2021, ed. Eatherton, Myrick, and Steuernagel; published by MorningStar Music.



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