

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

10:00 AM LIVE ON FACEBOOK

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God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Organ

Prelude in A Major -J.S. Bach

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and to seek for rest to stay strong, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

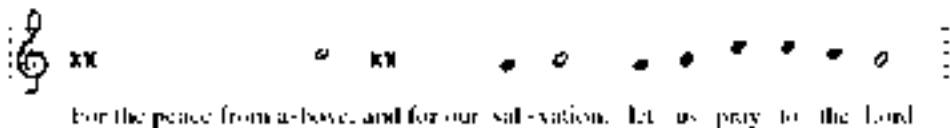
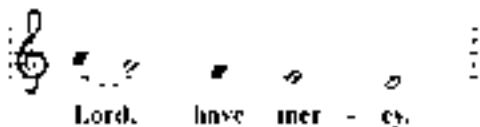
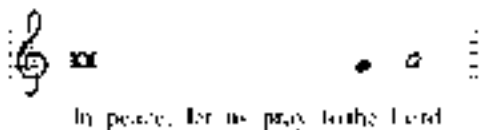
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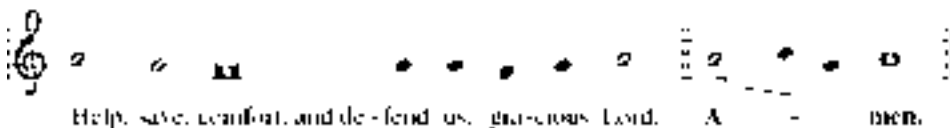
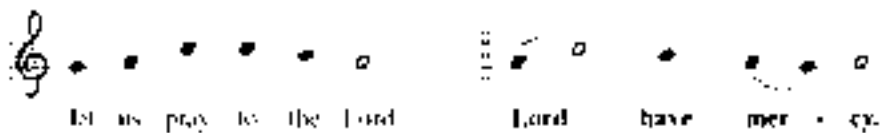
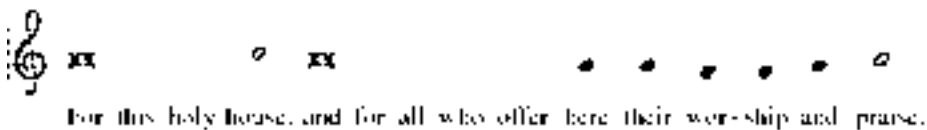
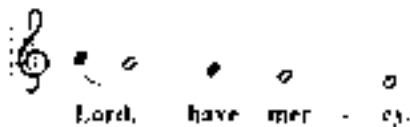
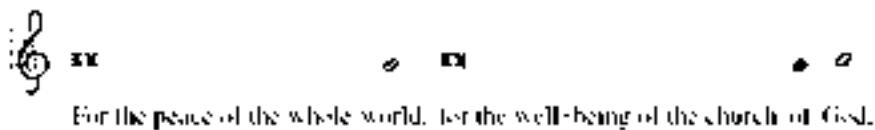
**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;**

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

KYRIE



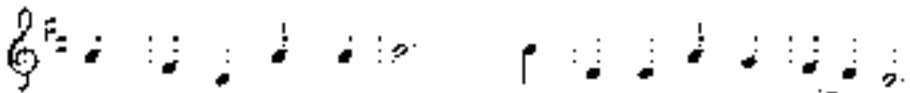


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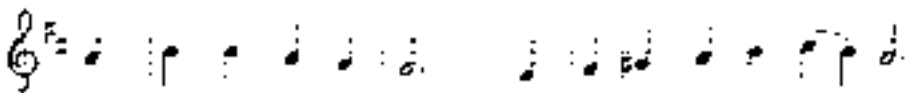
Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

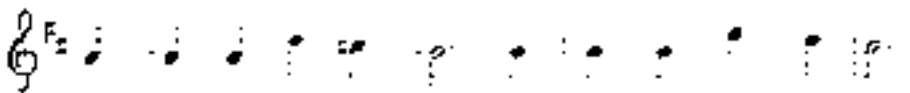
O God, My Faithful God



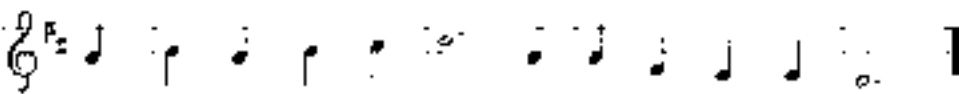
1 O God, my faith - ful God, me four - tun - ed, et - er - nally sing,
 Give me the strength to do with zeal - y heart and will - ing
 Keep me from say - ing words that I at - ter need re - call - ing,
 When dan - gers gath - er round, Oh, keep me calm and fear - less.



with out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing,
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here be - hold - ing,
 guard me, lest I - dle speech may from my lips be - hold - ing,
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less.



give me a health - y sanc - tuary, and may I have with - out
 to do it when I es - tablish, with all my might and bless -
 But when, with in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small.



a con - science free from blame, as I am - stamp'd by sin -
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give sanc - tify -
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak,
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

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Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING FROM GENESIS

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child [Isaac] grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

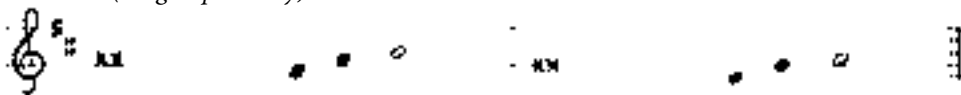
²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The reading concludes:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86 (sung responsively)



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- ¹Bow down your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,
 for I am poor | and in misery.
- ²**Keep watch over my life, for | I am faithful;**
save your servant who | trusts in you.
- ³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you | are my God;
 I call upon you all | the day long.
- ⁴**Gladden the soul | of your servant,**
for to you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.
- ⁵For you, O Lord, are good | and forgiving,
 and abundant in mercy toward all who | call upon you.
- ⁶**Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer,**
and attend to the voice of my | supplications.
- ⁷In the time of my trouble I will | call upon you,
 for you will | answer me.
- ⁸**Among the gods there is none like | you, O Lord,**
nor anything | like your works.
- ⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship | you, O Lord,
 and glori- | fy your name.
- ¹⁰**For you are great; you do | wondrous things;**
and you a- | lone are God.
- ¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your
 handmaid.
- ¹⁷**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and**
be | put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

A READING FROM ROMANS

Romans 6:1-11

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

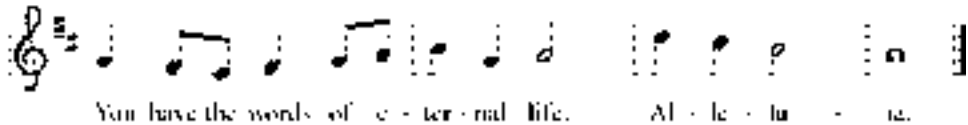
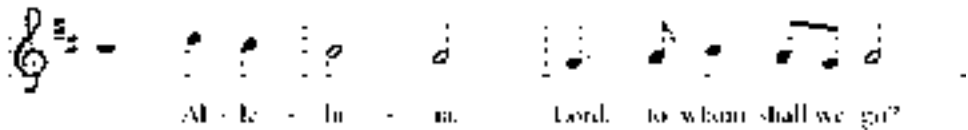
The reading concludes:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL**Matthew 10:24-39**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it 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!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For 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;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever 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; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

After the reading...

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

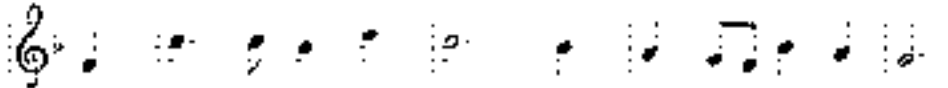
The Rev. Susan Thisell

*Silence for reflection.**The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*


HYMN OF THE DAY

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Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



1 Oh, praise the gra-cious pow'r that hum-bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per-sis-tent truth that so-ber-ist-ed minds
 3 Oh, praise mes-er-sive love, en-er-cing ev-ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev-ry shore



and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near
 and eas-es from their any-ions clench the prej-u-dice that blinds
 ob-ly-tious to gen-der, wealth, to so-cial rank or place;
 a liv-ing tem-ple built on Christ, our rock and cor-ner-stone;
 with vis-sions of a world at peace, no lon-ger bled by war



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified. *Repeat*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Repeat*

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**BLESSING OF RINGS
FOR BURT & HELGA WAGNER'S 50th ANNIVERSARY**

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

The assembly may kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church.
Open our hearts and unstop our ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow the baptismal identity we share in you.
We pray,
Hear us, O God.

Providing God, your creation shows us that life comes from death. Renew the places where our land, air, and waterways have been polluted by human excess for too long. Direct the work of all who care for birds and other wild things and their habitats. We pray,

Hear us, O God.

Protecting God, sustain and keep safe all who work to defend vulnerable others all around the world. Revive and strengthen organizations dedicated to caring for refugees and migrants while their homelands struggle for peace. We pray,

Hear us, O God.

Loving God, you promise to be with all who are persecuted for your sake. Guide all who speak your word of justice and console any who are tormented or targeted for being who they are. Give us courage to speak truth to power and to challenge evil systems in this world. We pray,

Hear us, O God.

Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Bring peace to those who have lost fathers, who have difficult relationships with their fathers and those who never met their fathers. Remind them that you are with them and long to relieve them of their pain as only a heavenly Father can. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all others for whom this day brings pain, and not joy. We pray,

Hear us, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Healing God, many are suffering, many are afraid. Bring peace and restoration to health to all who experience uncertainty about the future. Make your presence known to all who long for your soothing hand upon their brow. Empower scientists to find treatments for dread diseases, and medical professionals to care for all who are weak, infirm or seriously ill. We ask for your special attention on these we now name aloud or silently. . . We pray,

Hear us, O God.

Reigning God, you bless us with teachers and caretakers in the faith. Guide those who lead us, our pastor, Bishops Kevin and Elizabeth, so that they may discern your desires for this Church. As we give thanks for those who have died, increase our care for one another until we walk with them in newness of life. We pray,

Hear us, O God.

Receive these prayers, O God, and our sighs too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ, and then are seated.

The assembly is seated.

At this time, you may take a moment to make a comment in the Live feed comment section as a way of greeting all those in the community.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

OFFERING Two preludes on “What God Ordains is Good Indeed”**Organ**

-Johann Ludwig Krebs, Johann Gottfried Walther

Text of hymn is provided for your focused attention/prayer as you listen to the prelude.

*What God ordains is good indeed, My Lord will never fail me
 On danger's path, in deepest need, when death in grief shall veil me.
 My God so dear will draw me near, in loving arms will hold me,
 At last in light enfold me. (ELW #776)*

An offering is gathered for the ministry and mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available on our website and via the link referenced in the comments. Checks can also be mailed to the church office.

The assembly stands and sings...

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Meeting by
 meeting new mercies I see, all I have need ed thy
 hand hath pro vided: great is thy faithfulness, Lead me to me

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours. You have filled it with beauty and abundance, and your faithfulness is as firm as the earth we walk on. Water and word, and beloved community are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our neighborhoods and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We are bold to 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.

Sending

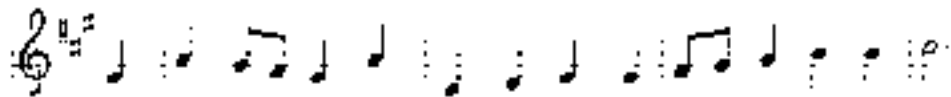
The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✚ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

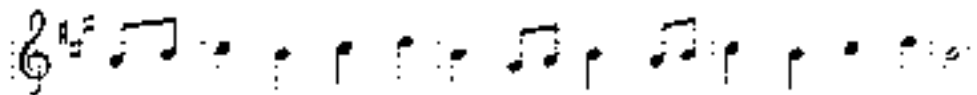
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com- pas- sion- ate, bore et- er- nal hu- man pain
2 As once you wel- comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre- ate new hearts in us that beat in tune with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis- tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's tail,



Its beat- ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do- main;
so many all-bruised and broken lives through us your help still find,
that, joined by truth with your great heart, be- come love's open doors
whose arms stretched wide up- on a cross, en- brace and bear us all.



The heart of God, the heart of Christ, com- bined in per-fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep, that none may weep a- lone;
We are your bod- y, ris- en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser- vant church that walks your ser- vant ways,



to write God's love in hu- man deeds, et- er- ni- ty in time,
and help us bear an- oth- er's pain as though it were our own,
that through our life and min- us- try your love may be re- vealed,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, to say a- noth- er of praise!

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Scripture: Mark 16:7-8 and Luke 24:34-35

Epiphany: your surprise! at the last sunrise of the darkest night of all centuries

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, The Spirit is with us.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grands Jeux -Jean Adam Guilain

Organ

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*Through God's Grace:
We proclaim boldly,
Serve joyfully,
Worship faithfully,
and Welcome openly.*

MLC Mission Statement; adopted 2.3.2019

Messiah is a community of faith, striving to live life in Christ. We love it when others join us in this effort. We love it so much we welcome everyone to come along, inclusive of age, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or disability, varied life and faith experience, as well as anyone who may have been told he or she does not belong.

We invite everyone to join us in this common life, fully sharing in the worship, rites, and sacraments of this church.

MLC Statement of Welcome; adopted 8.9.2015

Worship Assistants

WORSHIP LEADER..... **Pastor Susan Thisell**
GUEST ORGANIST John Brock
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AUDIO Jon Driskill