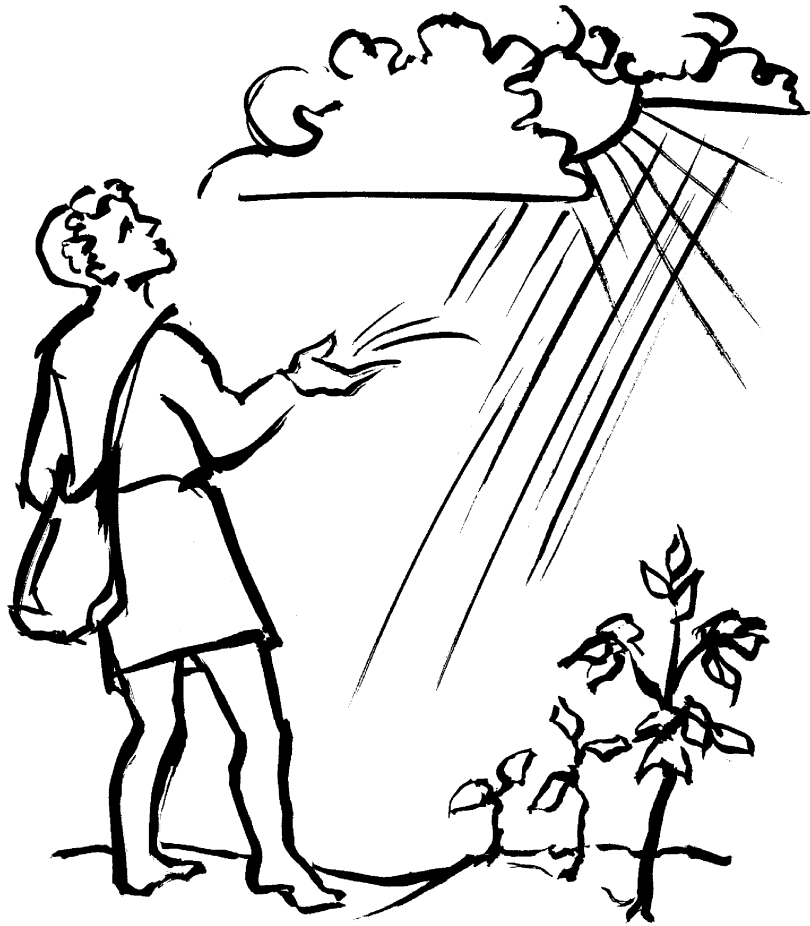


The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Morning Prayer

July 12, 2020

10:00am



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MORNING PRAYER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

OPENING HYMN 48

O day of radiant gladness

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee. blest Three in One.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The Deacon and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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 Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
People **Come let us adore him.**

VENITE



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing, —



— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the



Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all



gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, —

— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For

he is our God, — and we are the peo - ple of his

pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —

— Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! —

PSALM: Psalm 65: 9 -14

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *

the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰You prepare the grain, *

for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²You crown the year with your goodness, *

and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

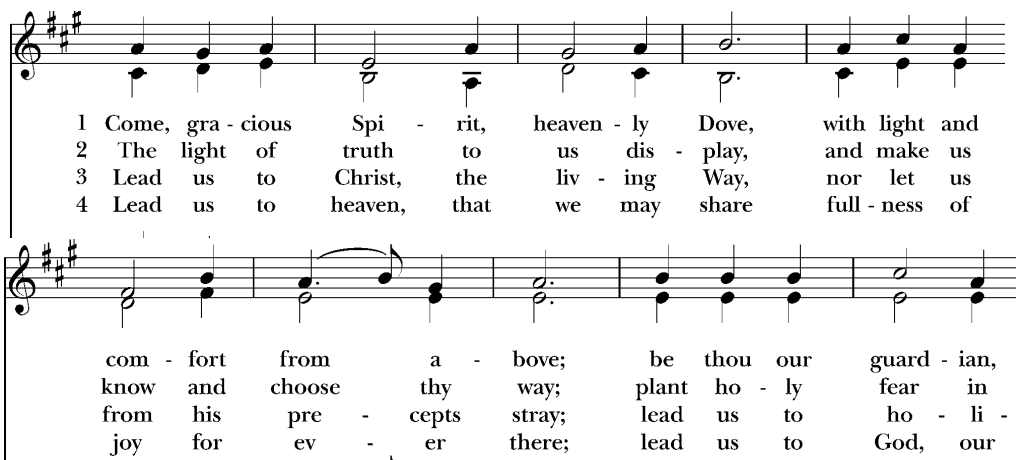
⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 512

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove



1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of
com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our



thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

A Reading from Matthew.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Peter Swarr

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Air a l'italien" G.P. Telemann; Anderson Paes, recorder

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk in love and Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S Bach; Chris Pryce, violin

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR TRUST IN GOD

O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Prayers are led by the intercessor and followed by this response)

Intercessor: God of love and mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessions are welcome at this time

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our very best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for you son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*

CLOSING HYMN

Give thanks with a grateful heart

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!"

Chord progressions for the first two lines: F, C/E, Dm, Am; Bb, F/A, Eb, C7.

Chord progressions for the last two lines: Am, Dm7, Gm, C7; FM7, Dm7, Eb, C7; Am, Dm7, Gm, C7, FM7; Dm7, Eb, C7, Last time Bb/C, F.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

- *homebound:* Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran
- *healing:* Oralia, Doreen, Milt, Dale, Alaina, Matthew, Russ, Gail, Joseph, Jose, David, Phyllis, Joyce, Ann, Andy, Wendy, Jaime, Kim, Jean, Maggie, Mark, Elizabeth, Sandy, Carol, June, Millie, Rick, Jeff, Liz, Dick, Dusti, Justin, Jim, Georgia, Fran, Chris & Family, Ashling, Dan, Holly, Jack, Sue, Gail, Mary, Tara, The Tarby's, Liz, Jean, Keith, Colleen, Jeff, Samantha, Holyoke and Chelsea Soldiers Homes, Gus, Irene, Dolly, Lisa, Millie, Caroline, Carol, Felicia Gelinias, Donna Marie Haraty, Buzz Gagne, Alicia Gagne, Linda Anderson, **Barbara, David.**