



THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY 11 14 JUNE 2020

Liturgy and Sermon: Pr. Caron

GATHERING

THE PRELUDE: time for prayer and preparation.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit,
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.

Reforming God,

**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
failing to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.**

**We place our hope in ourselves, yet our efforts fall short of your love
and your children suffer.**

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love.**

Amen.

Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins,
Now, seek good, and not evil; love mercy.
Encourage one another to acts of love
as we await the fullness of the coming Kingdom.
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We sing or speak the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie" as we are able

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| 1 | Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above. | 3 | We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear. |
| 2 | Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares. | 4 | From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity. |

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



The Readings

The first reading is from Exodus, the 19th chapter.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The second reading is from Romans, the 5th chapter.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The Gospel, Matthew 9:35-10:8 is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. The kingdom of God has come near! **Repent, rejoice, and believe in the good news. Alleluia**

The Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter! **Glory to you O Lord!**

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Sibling will betray sibling to death, a parent their child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

We sing or speak the hymn 'I Love to Tell the Story', as we are able.

1. I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

CONFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Empowering God, you call your church to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus. Give us wise and willing hearts to go in compassion, bringing your good news to the world for the sake of healing, peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One of blessing, send your Spirit of tender might throughout your church and to all its leaders, especially upon our presiding bishop Elizabeth, and our synodical bishop, Patricia. Strengthen the believers who cannot assemble for worship. Guide the church's use of technology, and make yourself known to those who have no access to such materials. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts after each petition

God of wholeness, God of peace come with power to restore us, to bring healing and new life. We lift before you:

all who need medical treatment from any and every cause...

for those engulfed by loss and grief...

those struggling and afraid for health in body, mind and finances....

Be our strength to meet the days ahead in faith and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we remember our beloved dead before you, we lift up the memory of the Emanuel Nine, martyred as they gathered for Bible Study in their Charleston church for Bible study. Father of all, end the scourge of racism. Guard and guide those protesting and lifting their voices for justice; halt those who intend violence; preserve our republic. Raise up leaders who model repentance and reconciliation, and support legislators who seek justice in our land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pause to share Peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, offer thanks out loud for blessings received, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online at or set apart and mailed. Then continue:



God of goodness and growth,
**all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,

that we might proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:

you spoke light into darkness,

called forth beauty from chaos,

and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Dwell in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

We say or sing the hymn 'Rise Up O Saints of God'

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| 1 | Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn. | 4 | Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain. |
| 2 | Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
his word of hope proclaim. | 5 | Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God! |
| 3 | Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place. | | |

Text: Norman O. Furness, b. 1936

POSTLUDE

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