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Sunday

July 19, 2020

10:30am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Opening Sentence

Officiant I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
Psalm 122:1

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.**

Officiant 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

All **The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come let us adore him.**

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
People **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

All **The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 86:11-17

Inclina, Domine

Larry Long & Jason Rios

The people join in singing the verses in bold type.

Tone II.1



- 11 *Teach me* your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your / truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may / fear your Name.
- 12 **I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my / heart, ***
and glorify your Name for / evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward / me; *
you have delivered me from the neth-/ ermost Pit.
- 14 **The arrogant rise up against me, O God,**
and a band of violent men seeks my / life; *
they have not set you be-/ fore their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of com-/ passion, *
slow to anger, and full of kind-/ ness and truth.
- 16 **Turn to me and have mercy up-/ 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 a-/ shamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and com-/ forted me.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy / Spirit: ***
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ev-/ er. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Terry Bayorek

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1: 68-79*

Officiant Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
People **He has raised up for us a mighty savior, ***
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Janette Gautier

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21: You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

Officiant You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

People **To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Third Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Larry Johnson

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

Homily

The Reverend Elise A. Hanley

The Apostles' Creed

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 to the dead.
 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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Deacon Horace M. Whyte

Leader Let us offer our prayers to our God, who is always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve.

People Let us pray for the Church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Allen and Mary, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek God in the community of the faithful. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

For our parish community, that God will guide us with wisdom, protect us with strength, and provide for us from God's bounty. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, for mercy, justice, and peace in the world. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

For those who sow and those who reap the harvest, for those on vacation, and for safety for all who may travel or be at any kind of risk. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and in need: for those who are poor and those who are oppressed, those who are refugees and those who are in prison, and for all who love and care for them. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, especially those commended to our prayer list, and those names added this week _____, and these we name now, either silently or aloud ...
Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed, especially _____,
and these we name now, either silently or aloud ...
Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Officiant Gracious God, your spirit dwells in us: receive our prayers for the needs of
the church and the world, and grant us to hear your word and dwell in you
as children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer Requests and Thanksgivings

Anthem Beati quorum via Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

Psalm 119:1

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his
Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and
petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your
truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the
power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

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. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Officiant The Reverend Roy A. Cole