

**Morning Prayer**  
**Sunday, July 12, 2020**  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Rite Two  
YouTube Live Stream

**Prelude: "Create In Me, A Clean Heart, O God" (Traditional)**  
John-Kevin Hilbert, Piano

**OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 78)**

*(the Officiant says)*

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

**CONFession OF SIN (EOW p. 19)**

*(the Officiant says to the people)*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*(silence may be kept)*

**Officiant and People**

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*(the Officiant says)*

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

## HYMN

Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (Liebster Jesu)

Hymnal 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

## **VERICLE (BCP p. 80)**

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

**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.**

## **INVITATORY (BCP p. 82)**

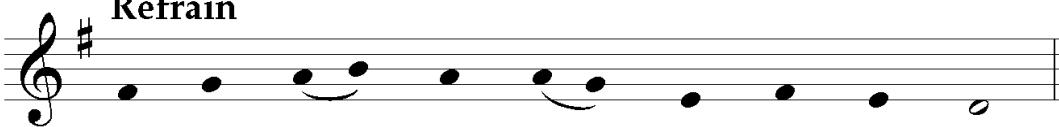
*(Officiant and People)*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***  
    **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**  
**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \***  
    **and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**  
**For you are a great God, \***  
    **you are great above all gods.**  
**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \***  
    **and the heights of the hills are yours also.**  
**The sea is yours, for you made it, \***  
    **and your hands have molded the dry land.**  
**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***  
    **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
**For you are our God,**  
**and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \***  
    **Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

**PSALM: Psalm 65:1-14 (BCP p. 672)** (*sung by a member of the choir with Refrain sung by all*)

Mode 7

**Refrain**



Let the val - leys shout for joy and sing.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
    to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
    because of their transgressions.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

**Refrain**

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.

**Refrain**

<sup>6</sup>You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.      **Refrain**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

<sup>10</sup>You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.      **Refrain**

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

<sup>12</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.      **Refrain**

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

<sup>14</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.      **Refrain**

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.

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 55:10-13

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**    **Thanks be to God.**

(silence may follow)

**FIRST CANTICLE**

A Song of the Wilderness (Canticle D) (EOW p. 32)

(Officiant and People)

**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \***  
**the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**

**It shall blossom abundantly, \***  
**and rejoice with joy and singing.**

**They shall see the glory of the Lord, \***  
**the majesty of our God.**

**Strengthen the weary hands, \***  
**and make firm the feeble knees.**

**Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \***  
**Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."**

**Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \***  
**and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.**

**Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \***  
**and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \***  
**and streams in the desert;**

**The burning sand shall become a pool \***  
**and the thirsty ground, springs of water.**

**The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \***  
**with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

**Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \***  
**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For 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, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For 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. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For 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, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But 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. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If 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.**

(silence may follow)

**SECOND CANTICLE**

Song of Zechariah, Benedictus Dominus Deus (Canticle 16)  
(EOW p. 27)

(Officiant and People)

**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \***  
**you have come to your people and set them free.**  
**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \***  
**born of the house of your servant David.**  
**Through your holy prophets you promised of old**  
**to save us from our enemies, \***  
**from the hands of all who hate us,**  
**To show mercy to our forebears, \***  
**and to remember your holy covenant.**  
**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \***  
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
**Free to worship you without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous before you,**  
**all the days of our life.**  
**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's 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.**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*Priest*      A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet 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. As 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. But 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."

*Priest*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

*(silence may follow)*

## HYMN

Lord, make us servants of your peace ( Dickinson College)

Hymnal 593

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff uses a soprano C-clef, the middle staff an alto F-clef, and the bottom staff a bass G-clef. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are divided into three sections, each starting with a different line of the hymn. The first section starts with "1 Lord, make us". The second section starts with "1 hate, may we sow". The third section starts with "1 give; where there". The music concludes with a final section of lyrics.

1 Lord, make us      ser - vants of your      peace:      where there is  
2 Where all is      doubt, may we sow      faith;      where all is  
3 Je - sus, our      Lord, may we not      seek      to be con -  
4 May we not      look for love's re - turn,      but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we      live, and are re - born      through death's dark

1 hate,      may we sow      love;      where there is      hurt,      may we for -  
2 gloom,      may we sow      hope;      where all is      night,      may we sow  
3 soled,      but to con - sole,      nor look to      un - der - stand - ing  
4 love      un - self - ish - ly,      for in our      giv - ing we re -  
5 night      to end - less      day:      Lord, make us      ser - vants of your

1 give;      where there is      strife,      may we make      one.  
2 light;      where all is      tears,      may we sow      joy.  
3 hearts,      but look for      hearts      to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive,      and in for - giv - ing      are for - given.  
5 peace,      to wake at      last      in hea - ven's      light.

## THE SERMON - The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED (EOW p. 41)**

*(Officiant announces the 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 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.**

## **SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)**

*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.**

## **SUFFRAGES (EOW p. 42)**

(read responsively)

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## **FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 231)**

(Officiant prays)

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 for ever. **Amen.**

## **SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

(Officiant prays)

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.**

## **PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)**

(Officiant prays)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## HYMN

Father, we thank thee who hast planted (Rendez à Dieu)

Hymnal 302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con-

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy



## INTERCESSIONS OR THANKSGIVING

(Officiant invites prayers)

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

**Officiant and People**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)

*(Officiant)*

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, alleluia, alleluia.  
**People** **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

(*Officiant*)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

(then the Sacred Ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Postlude: "When in Our Music God is Glorified" by Lani Smith**  
Greg Schreiner, Piano