

## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

12 July 2020

### Gathering Hymn

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*Glory to God for ever and ever.*

### A Song of Christ's Goodness

*Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \* *you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.*

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \* *tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.*

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
*in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.*

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
*by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.*

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \* *through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.*

Your warmth gives life to the dead, \* *your touch makes sinners righteous.*

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \* *in your love and tenderness, remake us.*

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \* *for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## **Lessons**

Genesis 25:19-34

## **Sequence Hymn**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9, 18-23)

## **Sermon**

## **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.*

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray together,

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us as we live in uncertainty.

*Pray silently or aloud for those who need this prayer;*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept. Minister 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.**

## **Absolution**

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.**

## **The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

Now gathered in community by your Holy Word, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to bend our hearts in humility for the sacrifices made on our behalf, prepared from the foundation of the world, you O God of the ages created. **AMEN.**

Let us now pray the prayer we long to forever pray...Our Father

**We now pray together to acknowledge the bonds of our affection**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image as we hear your Word, a sacrament of nourishment since the beginning of time. Send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **Closing Hymn**