

# **The Third Sunday After Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

June 13, 2021

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**We walk by faith and not by sight**

**Sung by all**

### **Opening Sentences**

*Presider* Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God: the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.

### **Confession of Sin & Absolution**

**Led by Morgan McGuire**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Presider* 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.

## **Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* 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!**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe.  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

**sung by Motomi Tanaka**

## **Psalms 92**

**Led by Asa Swain**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;  
On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.  
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.  
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;  
That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

*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.**

## **The Lessons**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

**Read by Alice Avouris**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the

judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Halle Halle Halle**

**sung by the Choir**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp**

**Here I am Lord**

**sung by Hirona Amamiya**

**The Apostles Creed**

**said in unison**

**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 Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

#### **Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

#### **The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

**Led by Erin McNaughton**

God of grace,  
together we turn to you in prayer,  
for it is you who unite us:

you are the one God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –  
in whom we believe,  
you alone empower us for good,  
you send us out across the earth  
in mission and service in the name of Christ.

We confess before you and all people:  
We have been unworthy servants.  
We have misused and abused the creation.  
We have wounded one another by divisions everywhere.  
We have often failed to take decisive action  
against environmental destruction, poverty, racism,  
caste-ism, war and genocide.  
We are not only victims but also perpetrators of violence.

In all this, we have fallen short as disciples of Jesus Christ  
who in his incarnation came to save us and teach us how to love.  
Forgive us, God, and teach us to forgive one another  
And ask in your grace, transform the world.

God, hear the cries of all creation,  
the cries of the waters, the air, the land and all living things;  
the cries of all who are exploited, marginalized, abused and victimized,  
all who are dispossessed and silenced, their humanity ignored,  
all who suffer from any form of disease, from war  
and from the crimes of the arrogant  
who hide from the truth, distort memory  
and deny the possibility of reconciliation.  
God, guide all in seats of authority  
towards decisions of moral integrity  
And ask in your grace, transform the world.

We give thanks for your blessings and signs of hope  
that are already present in the world,  
in people of all ages and in those who have gone before us in faith;  
in movements to overcome violence in all its forms,  
not just for a decade but for always;  
in the deep and open dialogues that have begun  
both within our own churches and with those of other faiths  
in the search for mutual understanding and respect;  
in all those working together for justice and peace –  
both in exceptional circumstances and every day.  
We thank you for the good news of Jesus Christ,  
and the assurance of resurrection.  
And ask, in your grace, transform the world.

By the power and guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God,  
may our prayers never be empty words  
but an urgent response to your living Word –  
in non-violent direct action for positive change,  
in bold, clear, specific acts of solidarity,  
liberation, healing and compassion,  
readily sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Open our hearts to love  
and to see that all people are made in your image,  
to care for creation and affirm life in all its wondrous diversity.  
Transform us in the offering of ourselves  
so that we may be your partners in transformation  
to strive for the full, visible unity  
of the one Church of Jesus Christ,  
to become neighbours to all,  
as we await with eager longing  
the full revelation of your rule  
in the coming of a new heaven and a new earth.

Dear people of God, for whom and for what do you pray for?

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Led by Carol Oliver**

Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:

God, in whose heart is love and justice, show us this day whom we must love and what we should challenge or change in order that your will for the earth might be done.

All Increase our hope, dispel our apathy; inspire our imagination, and deepen our commitment until we become the signs of your kingdom for which we and other pray. Amen.

### **The Benediction**

*Presider*        The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

**Closing Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus**

**Sung by all**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon*      Let us go forth rejoicing in the power Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

*All*            **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Parting Hymn**

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever  
Bind your heart to his heard, with a bond that nothing can sever  
Give you light on the uphill road, and courage in every endeavor  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.