

# **The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

July 4, 2021

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Lift Every Voice**

**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 Pat Thebaud**

*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.

## **Venite**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

## **Psalms 123**

**Led by Kallen Tsikalas**

To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*

until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

and of the derision of the proud.

*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 Jenna McCauley**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my

weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them

The word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Fix Me Jesus**

**sung by Motomi Tanaka**

**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 Missy Trull**

Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing.  
God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.  
Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.

God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.  
Help us give our fear, pain, and grief to you.

God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.

Help us move in concert with your life-giving motion.

Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our present circumstances make difficult to see.

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.  
Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

Bless all who work to improve the health of others, that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.

Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.

Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.

You are the Lord whose promises never cease.  
You are the Lord whose presence never fails.

Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw us into the very heart of your grace and help us to live into the truth that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Led by Morgan McGuire**

Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:

At every moment of our existence you are present to us God in gentle compassion.

Help us to be present to one another so that our presence may be a strength that heals our wounds , and gives hope that is for all persons through Jesus our compassionate brother. 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: My Country 'Tis of Thee**

**Sung by all**

### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Summer Sing Along: This Land is Your Land**

**Sung by all**