THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II JUNE 13, 2021 AT 10:00AM



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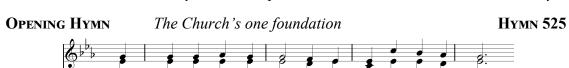
BCP: Book of Common Prayer HYMN: 1982 Hymnal

EOW: Enriching Our Worship

PRELUDE

His eye is on the sparrow

arr. Mark Hayes





OPENING ACCLAMATION (please remain standing)

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

GLORIA S-236



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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*.

THE FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 17:22-24 (please be seated for the readings)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14 (read responsively)

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, * and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

² To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning * and of your faithfulness in the night season;

³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.

⁴ For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; * and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD * shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹³ They shall still bear fruit in old age; * they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

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.

Thanks be to God. People

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

God of mercy, God of grace

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34 (please remain standing)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

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 Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (please stand)

BCP 358

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (pause) 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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV (please kneel if you are able)

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up Christ Church, Berwick, and All Saints, Selinsgrove, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Nigeria. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Angelica, Carl, Chase, Emily Lavender, Geta, Hank, Ken Kiedrowski, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, Ray Wolf, Tiny Nolan, and Tom Hemler; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

At this time, we invite your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION EOW 56

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Celebrant 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 the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY Simple Gifts arr. Jay Althouse

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v.3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: PRAYER 2 EOW 60

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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 sing:



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.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

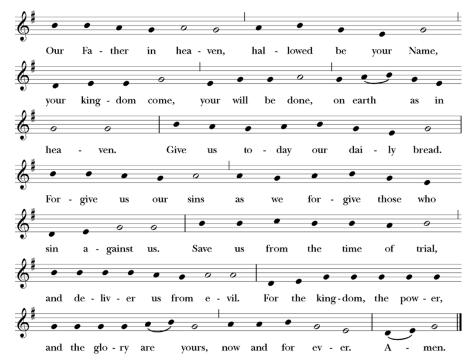
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. 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 St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing...



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. People

THE INVITATION **BCP 365**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 70

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now 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

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling

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GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jaques Lemmons



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UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (In-Person)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (In-Person and Online)

11:00 a.m. Eagle's Nest Meeting (Parish Hall)

2:00 p.m. Shaped by Faith (Zoom)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry (Knitters)

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

5:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium) 6:00 p.m. ALERT Meeting (Courtyard)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Men's Gathering (Mini Golf)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 a.m. Community Breakfast (First Reformed)

10:00 a.m. Council of Trustees

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

NA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

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Family Formation Newsletter?

It's a great way to connect with kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or neighbors!

Kindly email equilla@stjohns-lancaster.org or lalimule@verizon.net to get your name (or your grandkids' names, or your neighbors' kids' names) on the mailing list.

We send out hardcopies via snail mail.

We will also post it on the St. John's website.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MEN'S GROUP MINI GOLF OUTING

VILLAGE GREENS STRASBURG

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Village Greens Miniature Golf 1444 Village Rd, Strasburg, PA 7:00pm

\$8.25 per golfer

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GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE