

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ 12 JULY 2020

GRACE & TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCHES, COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS

WELCOME

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION •

Priest Blessed be God: + Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY •

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Word of God

THE COLLECT •

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON •

Isaiah 55:10-13

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.**

THE PSALM •

To be prayed in unison.

Psalm 65: 9-14

**You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.**

**You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.**

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.**

**You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

THE SECOND LESSON •

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

Romans 8:1-11

There is 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.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL •

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house 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 Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON •

The Very Reverend Laurie Lewis

THE NICENE CREED •

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

**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.**

**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 •

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church - the Body of Christ.

We pray for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop and for the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

We pray for The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, our Bishop and the Diocese of Kansas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for NourishKC

Leader As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return until they have watered the earth, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so is the Word which goes forth from your mouth, and it shall not return empty, but will accomplish all that which you purpose, and succeed in the thing for which you send it; so you are to be praised, and to you all vows performed:

People **To you who hear prayer shall all flesh come.**

Leader Set our minds on the things of the Spirit so we may know peace, that the One who raised Christ from the dead may give life also to our mortal bodies through the indwelling Spirit:

People **Awesome things will you show us, O hope of all the earth.**

Leader We fix our hearts on you as we intercede for the Church (*intercessions for the Church may be offered*) and the people of this parish; for all suffering illness, and especially for those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Gather our hopes and inspire our prayers, O Redeemer:

People **Happy are they whom you draw to your courts!**

Leader Make us to have depth of soil in our families, vocations, and the work of our parish, and sow in us seed bringing forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty; a harvest of plenty for your kingdom:

People **You make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

Leader Where our hearts have grown hard, break the fallow ground; where rocky, clear away the stones. When the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke your gracious Word, and wherever we put down shallow root; make us to hear afresh and receive anew and become people of depth and worth:

People **You soften the ground and bless its increase.**

Leader Our confidence is in you, O God, and to you all flesh will come:

People **You crown our years with goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT •

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen**

THE CONFESSION •

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People, together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE •

Priest The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries, we pray together:

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your children as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY •

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Since the Spirit of God dwells in you, bear good fruit so that you may glorify your Father in heaven.

All are invited to make a gift to support GRACE & TRINITY. You may visit our web pages to donate online, or you may send your check to Grace or Trinity. The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING •

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your Son Jesus Christ you give us the seed of your holy word, and through your Holy Spirit, the good soil of power and wisdom that we may receive it, have it take root in our hearts, and bear good fruit for the harvest of your kingdom.

Therefore, with all the company of heaven, we glorify your Name and join with them in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS •

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God

Said by all.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed+ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify+ us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.



THE LORD'S PRAYER •

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

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD •

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The priest invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually+ into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER •

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING •

The priest blesses the people and the people respond, Amen.

THE DISMISSAL •

Priest or Deacon
People

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Last names and dates are eliminated for online privacy.

IN JUNE

Pam, Jacque, Ed, Evan, Katie, Marilyn, Nicole, Mike, Barbara, Diane, Patrick, Connie, Grace, Robert, Kara, Becky, Vicki, Victoria, Melissa, Ann, Barbara, and Richard

Richard & Nancy, David & Carol, Larry & Renee, Tom & Judy and Betty & Maurice



IN JULY

Sarah, Deanna, Larry, Bill, Cory, Kathy, Melissa, Chance, Liam, Theo, Elin, Paige, Nancy and Brody

Rand & Trish, Betty & Maurice

