



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – RITE II

Sunday, 28 June 2020 + 10:30 AM

Pensacola, Florida + Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Prelude: March from 'Scipio'

— G. F. Handel

Announcements and Welcome

(The People stand)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 355

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.**

Song of Praise

God the Holy Trinity—David Halls

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (The People are seated.)

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the

wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may be kept.

The Psalm – Psalm 13

BCP 597

1 How long, O LORD?

*will you forget me for ever? **

how long will you hide your face from me?

*2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? **

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

*3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;*

*4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.*

*5 But I put my trust in your mercy; * my heart is joyful because of your saving help.*

*6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; **

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The Second Lesson

Reader A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. *Romans 6:12-23*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

Hymn 657 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Gospel (*The People stand.*)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Matthew 10:40-42*

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

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Walt Kindergan

Silence may be kept.

The Nicene Creed

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. 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.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

BCP 392

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
(*The People kneel*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We pray this day for all those suffering from the coronavirus, or any other illness; for those who worry about their families and friends, and about their jobs and livelihoods; and for all those at the forefront of our health care and public safety systems.

We pray for the sick and hospitalized in our parish and community.

We pray for all those on our hearts and minds this day, those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Peace

BCP 360

All Stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

BCP 360

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Postlude: Toccata Primi Toni

– Einat Traerup Sark

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Take a moment to reflect on the Gospel passage. Some guided reflection questions are provided here:

In our Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

We are all – or strive to be – disciples. So put your name in place of “you” in the sentence above. Then reread it. Do you feel that you bring the presence of Jesus – of God – with you, when you are welcomed?

Now put another name – *all other names* – in place of “you” in the sentence. Do you see that we – all of us – *any of us* – bring the presence of Jesus when we meet another? Whose names come easily to mind? Whose names are most difficult for you?

PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL DEVOTION

Prayer for Unity in Time of Pandemic:

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness”: We pray to you for all who are sick with the coronavirus, for those who have died, and for all who fear what lies ahead. As we stay apart to protect our bodies, let us come together in spirit to heal our souls, that your love for us may be manifest in our love and support for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Gracious God, creator of all and giver of all that is good: I give you thanks for this day and every day, for your presence in my life, for my friends and neighbors gathered here this day, for your Church, and for our worship together in thanksgiving and praise to you. I pray that you will continue to lead me closer to you and help me to more perfectly love you and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Justice:

O God, you have bound us together in a common life; Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move us, in the midst of our struggles for justice, equality and truth, to break down the barriers which divide us, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together for the common good, in a spirit of love, mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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