



*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – RITE II

Sunday, 5 July 2020 + 10:30 AM

Pensacola, Florida + Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

### **The Prelude**

### **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: I Vow to Thee, My Country**

*– Gustav Holst/arr. James Kirkby*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* 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.***

### **The First Lesson (The People are seated.)**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

*Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to

draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may be kept.*

11 *Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.*

12 *The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.*

13 *The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor.*

14 *All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.*

15 *In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.*

16 *With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.*

17 *In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.*

18 *I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.*

## The Second Lesson

Reader A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. *Romans 7:15-25a*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

## Hymn 608 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**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 to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.  
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *The Rev. Dr. Michael Hoffman*  
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.**

**Announcements**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

*BCP 360*

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

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**The Postlude**

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*Thank you for giving to Christ Church.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*Take a moment to reflect on the Gospel passage. Some guided reflection questions are provided here:*  
Jesus said, “I thank you, Father . . . because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants . . . for such was your gracious will.”

Perhaps that is Jesus’ way of saying that we too often try to ‘intellectualize’ – or overthink – understanding God, when all we really need is a childlike simplicity and openness to God’s love. Jesus says: “my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Do you sometimes try to overthink God? Can you simply accept that God is love and loves you completely – without reservation? Can you see then that the “yoke is easy” and the “burden is light”?

## 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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