



**Henrico Parish
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020
10: 00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word**

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for our online worship service this morning.

The service can be accessed through the YouTube link on our newsletter; our YouTube Channel, "St. John's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va;" or through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/historicstjohnschurch. Search for the post entitled "Worship for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost" and click on the arrow to begin the video premiere. The service will also be available on our website, www.saintjohnsrichmond.org; click on the link to the video as indicated. The premiere has a "live chat" feature, and we welcome your participation; we will save the video for future viewing at your convenience.

If you are new to us today and have any questions about our worship or the life of our parish, do not hesitate to contact our rector, the Rev. Amelie Wilmer, at awilmer@saintjohnsrichmond.org. Be sure to visit our website, [saintjohnsrichmond.org](https://www.saintjohnsrichmond.org), and sign up for our newsletter.

As we prepare our hearts for worship during this unusual and uncertain time, here is a prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book that has comforted the hearts of many over the ages.

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to us
as we wait in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead.
Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you. Amen.

Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all;
serving God, each other, and the community.

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Prelude**God Welcomes All****Words of Welcome****Opening Hymn "Father, we praise thee, now the night is over"****Hymnal 1**

1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
 man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
 Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
 send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
 va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.

The Gloria

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;
 Glo - ry to God; Praise to the
 Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.
 Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

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 Reading

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.

The Response Said in unison

Psalm 13

Usquequo, Domine?

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 Reading

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.

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Sequence Hymn "O day of God, draw nigh"

Hymnal 601



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.



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Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Music for Meditation

This is My Song

The Rev. Dr. Dorothy White

Finlandia

The Nicene Creed

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

During the season after Pentecost, we proclaim the life of Jesus that lives on in us through the power of the Holy Spirit, and we pray that the Spirit will lead us and guide us along the way.

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship.

In your goodness, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Bring reconciliation among your children. Let those who have not experienced systemic bigotry and racism listen deeply to the pain and the anguish of those who have. And, having heard their voices, equip us to be repairers of the breach and the dismantlers of systems.

With your creative energy, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Let your mercy and justice roll down like waters, on all of your creation, especially on care facilities and communities of poverty and color hit hardest by this pandemic. Give us courage to respond in love.

In your mercy, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Bring inspiration to researchers working on a COVID-19 vaccine. Bring healing through the hands of doctors, nurses, CNA's, medical technicians, and first responders. Bring comfort with the ministry of last responders.

With your power working through them, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

As you moved among the chaos at the beginning of creation, move through Susan and Jennifer, our bishops; and move with all ministers of word, sacrament, and service, and all the holy people of God. Let us be the living church to a world that needs your word and our service, now more than ever.

As you move through us, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Sanctify and nurture all houses of worship as they gather remotely and in person so that they may be sanctuaries of peace and places of safety. Give grace and knowledge to the leaders of your houses of worship to keep your children safe.

Through your presence, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Guide President Trump, Governor Northam, and all in authority, to make hard, holy, and good decisions to keep all they serve safe. As the disciples held all things in common after Pentecost, let them and us hold all things and all people in common.

With the community of the Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Open our ears to hear cries of the hungry and the oppressed, the incarcerated and the victimized, the addicted and the sober, and those experiencing poverty and economic insecurity, and bless our feet to run to them.

As you drove Jesus into the wilderness, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Embrace your children who are sick or suffering, broken or hurting, lonely or isolated, especially Lydia, Paul, Herb, Amanda, Ellen, Missy and her family, Neill, the Gaulden family, Clare, Jason, Freda, the Hewitt family, Faye, Paul, Andy, Paul, and Bill.

With your healing presence, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Visit the dying and welcome home the departed, and hold gently the families and friends that mourn.

In your comforting embrace, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

For our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, offered silently or aloud.

Silence

Having offered these prayers to you, Gracious God, empower us so that we may bring about the Reign of God.

With your holy fire and rushing wind, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray.

All **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 Confession and Absolution

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 Peace

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song*Irish Blessing***The Dismissal****Deacon**

Go in peace, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God

People**Thanks be to God.****Postlude****Welcome to St. John's Church**

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you
to make St. John's Church your spiritual home.

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To inquire about membership, please contact our rector, the Rev. Amelie Wilmer at
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Prayer for St. John's Church

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others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us,
bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

Serving this Morning**Celebrant**

The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

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The Rev. Dr. Dorothy White

Deacon

The Ven. David Curtis

Minister of Music

Jim Bennett

Choristers**Jim Bennett and Libby Gruner****Readers**

Laura Dixon, Catherine Brown, Mike Broda, and Jane Hunnicutt

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In our prayers this week:

Our city: for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform and common ministry within the faith community.

The sick or in need: for Cheyenne, Lydia, Paul, Herb Broda, Amanda Daggett, Ellen Flory, Neill Goff, the Gaulden family, Missy Gordon and her family, Clare and Jason Greene, Freda Hartman, the Hewitt family, Faye Proto, Paul Roper, Andy Russell, Ford Thompson, Bill Thornton, and all those who suffer because of COVID-19.

The diocesan cycle of prayer: for St. Alban's, Annandale; and St. Paul's, Owens, King George.

If you have a prayer request, please notify Patty Duffy, our Parish Administrator. We will pray for those who are sick or in need for one month, unless you specifically request us to do otherwise.

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