

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist with the Prayer for Spiritual Communion

July 19, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

The Word of God

Prelude Arietta

Alan Viner

The 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

Celebrant

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 Celebrant and people repeat the Trisagion three times

The Trisagion

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lesson from Hebrew Scripture Genesis 28:10-19a

The Lector says **A reading from the Book of Genesis**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Lector says The word of the Lord. *The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silent reflection follows the reading

The people say the even verses in bold.

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle Romans 8:12-25

The Lector says A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Lector says The word of the Lord. *The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The Gospel Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you

would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jenifer M. Chatfield,
Rector

All say together

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 became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Written by
The Rev. Deacon Mark Dawson

Let us pray.

O God of Grace, imbue your Church with your Spirit so we can respond to the needs present in this moment, and so complete the mission you have entrusted into our hands.

O God, guide us with your grace.

O God of Justice, in these times when wise leadership is so needed, give us, your citizens of the Reign of God, the courage to challenge and demand better and best, for all.

O God, join us in your justice.

O God of Mercy, who knows the movement of every creature, remind us of our responsibility to be good stewards of the bounty you have so generously shared with us.

O God, make us of your mercy.

O God of Grace, look over all those on the front lines of fighting this global pandemic; keep the care-givers safe; give wisdom to the researchers and scientists; heal the sick.

O God, guide us with your grace.

O God of Justice, never let us forget that all are welcome at the table around which you gather us, regardless of color or creed, place of birth or point of arrival, knowing that all are welcome.

O God, join us in your justice.

O God of Mercy, who promises comfort to those who grieve and presence to those who celebrate, draw near to those we name before you [*petitions are offered*].

O God, make us of your mercy.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

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 *All stand and greet each other in the name of Christ.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-125

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Edmund and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Fraction

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.

Celebrant Let us pray together,
**Jesus, I believe that you are
truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come,
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising
Gustav Holst/arr. Richard Proulx
Kelly Krantz, Alto

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today,
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
And blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,

We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King.
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still.
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of prais
Text: Delores Dufner (2001)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with your spiritual presence through the body and blood of your son our savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work yo uhave given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Pastorale

Richard Shepherd

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The flowers and candles on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God
By St. Edmund's Altar Guild.

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Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Celebrant & Preacher*
The Rev. Canon Judith Heffron, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Mark Dawson, *Deacon*
The Rev. Heather Blackstone UCC, *Director of Youth Ministry*
Robert Hovencamp, *Organist/Choir Master*

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