



✠ Holy Eucharist ✠

*Pentecost VI (6) Sunday – July 12, 2020*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn      *Thy Word Is a Lantern*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. *AMEN.*

Gloria In Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 Collect of the Day

**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.**

Genesis 25:19-34

*"Here begins a reading from Genesis"*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

"The Word of the Lord."

*"Thanks be to God."*

Psalm 119:105-112      *"A portion of Psalm 119 is appointed for today."*

**Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments. I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments. My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law. The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.**

Romans 8:1-11      *"Here begins a reading from Romans"*

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.

*"The Word of the Lord."      "Thanks be to God."*

Gradual Hymn      *As the Deer*

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

*"The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.      "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.”

*“The Gospel of the Lord.”*

*“Praise to you Lord Christ.”*

Sermon     The Rev. Johan Johnson, Ph.D.

*“And now let us join together in reaffirming our faith as stated in the Nicene Creed.”*

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 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** (ADAPTED FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA)

God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

**We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people.**

Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.

**We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.**

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.

**We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch.**

Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.

**We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering.**

Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

**We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.**

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.

God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

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

**Confession & Absolution**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.**

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Response: 380 *Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**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.**

*The people are seated OR kneel*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he

died for us, 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, according to his command, O God, **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

**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.**

### *Breaking of the Bread*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### *Agnus Dei*

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (from South Africa)

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer But hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with St. Mark and all your saints, I may praise you for ever. *AMEN.*

The Communion

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious 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 you have 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 for ever. *AMEN.***

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn #469     *There is a wideness in God's mercy*

**OUR WORSHIP IS OVER, OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

*\* In the spirit of Jesus Christ this church extends a cordial welcome to all persons regardless of age, economic or marital status, gender or sexual orientation.*

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## JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> HISTORY – A . HAMILTON v s . A . BURR

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On July 11<sup>th</sup> in a duel held in Weehawken, NJ, Vice President Aaron Burr fatally shot his long-time political antagonist Alexander Hamilton. On July 12, 1804 Hamilton, a leading Federalist and the chief architect of America's political economy, died due to complications of a gunshot wound to the stomach. Alexander Hamilton, born on the Caribbean island of Nevis, came to the colonies in 1773 as a poor immigrant. He attended Kings College (later Columbia) and following Gen. George Washington, first took him on as an aide. Ten years later, Hamilton served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and successfully advocated for a strong, centralized government. By 1789, he was appointed the first Secretary of the Treasury by President Washington. Aaron Burr, born into a prestigious New Jersey family in 1756, graduated from the College of New Jersey (later Princeton) at the age of 17. He joined the Continental Army in 1775 and later became a masterful politician. Burr was elected to the New State Assembly in 1783 and later defeated Alexander Hamilton's father-in-law in a race for the U.S. Senate. Hamilton came to detest Burr, whom he regarded as a dangerous opportunist, and he often spoke ill of him. When Burr first ran for the Vice Presidency in 1796 on Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican ticket (forerunner of the Democratic Party), Hamilton launched a series of public attacks against Burr, stating, "I feel it is a religious duty to oppose his career." John Adams won the presidency, and Burr waited for his next opportunity. In the 1800 election, Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr became running mates for a second time. Jefferson and Burr won the election with 73 electoral votes each. Under the electoral procedure then prevailing, President and Vice President were not voted for separately; the candidate who received the most votes became President, and the second in line, Vice President. The vote then went to the House of Representatives. Alexander Hamilton, supported Jefferson as the lesser of two evils, and was instrumental in breaking the deadlock.

In 1804 Burr, while Vice President was enlisted into the Federalist party to try and elect him Governor of New York. Hamilton campaigned against Burr with great fervor, and Burr lost the Federalist nomination and then, running as an Independent for Governor, the election. In the campaign, Burr's character was savagely attacked by

Hamilton, and after the election he resolved to restore his reputation by challenging Hamilton to a duel, or an “affair of honor,” as they were known.

Affairs of honor were commonplace in America at the time, and the complex rules governing them usually led to an honorable resolution before any actual firing of weapons. In fact, Hamilton had been involved in several affairs of honor in his life, and he had resolved them peaceably. No such recourse was found with Burr, however, and on July 11, 1804, the enemies met at 7 a.m. at the dueling grounds near Weehawken, New Jersey. It was the same spot where Hamilton’s son had died defending his father’s honor in a duel in 1801.

Few affairs of honor actually resulted in deaths, and the nation was outraged by the killing of a man as eminent as Alexander Hamilton. Charged with murder in New York and New Jersey, Burr, still Vice President, returned to Washington, D.C., where he finished his term immune from prosecution.

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## **P O S T S C R Y P T – A A R O N B U R R**

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By 1805, Aaron Burr, thoroughly discredited, concocted a plot with James Wilkinson, commander of the U.S. Army, to seize the Louisiana Territory and establish an independent empire, which Burr, presumably, would lead. He contacted the British government and unsuccessfully pleaded for assistance in the scheme. In the fall of 1806, Burr led a group of well-armed colonists toward New Orleans, prompting an immediate U.S. investigation. General Wilkinson, in an effort to save himself, turned against Burr and sent dispatches to Washington accusing Burr of treason. In February 1807, Burr was arrested in Louisiana for treason and sent to Virginia to be tried in a U.S. court. In September, he was acquitted on a technicality. Nevertheless, public opinion condemned him as a traitor, and he fled to Europe. He later returned to private life in New York, the murder charges against him forgotten. He died in 1836.

## **CHURCH NOTES**

### **CHURCH DONATIONS**

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### **UPDATE FROM SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A PERMENANT RECTOR**

The Rector Search Committee convened in May to begin the work of calling a new Rector for Saint Mark’s. During the month of June, the committee has continued its discernment process through regular meetings and conversations among the committee members. We greatly appreciate your prayers as we engage in this process.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

People connected to St. Mark’s in need of prayer for challenges or healing.

### **ST. MARK’S SUMMER CAMP GETTING READY FOR WEEK 2**

Last Monday we kicked off Summer Camp with forty-two campers, water slides and lots of fun while maintaining our guidelines for safety during this COVID time. Our camp this year will run for two more weeks featuring arts, athletics, and musical fun!

### **MUSIC TODAY**

Thanks to Chris Toth, former employee of St. Mark's School and professional musician, who led three choir members: Gail Byer, Fred Johnson & Ashley Viera in providing wonderful music for our enjoyment and contemplation. Chris will be with us for the rest of July.

### THANKS TO PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN, PAUL & CLEMENT

Today part of our service is shot in Westchester county at merged church of St. John, Paul & Paul in Mount Vernon, NY. Special thanks to the Priest-in-Charge, Petero Sabune, who you will see taking part in our service. The Interim Rector is worshipping this morning at St. John, Paul & Clement as they have just ben cleared to open for live worship. Fr. Johan will be heading back to Fort Lauderdale this coming weekend following his daughter, Elizabeth's First Communion celebration.



### WORSHIP THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Saturday (7/18): Evening Prayer via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Officiant: Johan Johnson; Sunday (7/19): Preacher: Fred Johnson; Celebrant: Johan Johnson. Pentecost VII Scripture: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43.