

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 21, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer
Preacher: The Rev. Tom Williamson
Lector: The Rev. Bob Gross
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Bach

Announcements

**Opening Hymn: "Whole World" Chorus: African American Spiritual,
Additional words & music by Jonny Diaz, Arr. By Susie Thorne**

Congregation to echo:

*Who makes the sun rise up at dawn
And run through the afternoon
Who keeps the light of a distant star
Reflecting off the moon*

***(Who makes the sun rise up at dawn)
(And run through the afternoon)
(Who keeps the light of a distant star)
(Reflecting off the moon)***

Band:

Who waters Earth with summer rain
And brings the winter wind
Who makes the flowers fall away
And spring to life again

It's the Lord our God Almighty
And it's all at His command
He's got the whole world in His hands

Congregation to echo:

Who hears our cries of hunger
And gives us daily bread
Who looks inside our longing hearts
And fills the emptiness

***(Who hears our cries of hunger)
(And gives us daily bread)
(Who looks inside our longing hearts)
(And fills the emptiness)***

Band:

Who's a comfort to the broken
And who makes them whole again?
Who has the power to reconcile
The soul of every man?

It's the Lord our God Almighty
And it's all at His command
He's got the whole world in His hands

ALL SING:

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.**

Gloria: "Because of Who You Are"

Words & music by Martha Munizzi

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Be - cause of who you are I give you glo - ry. Be -
 cause of who you are I give you praise Because of who you are I will
 lift my voice and say Lord, I wor - ship you be-cause of who you are.
 — Lord, I wor - ship you be-cause of who you are.

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread

and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, ***
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; ***
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; ***
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, ***
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, ***
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, ***
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, ***
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, ***
nor anything like your works.

**9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.**

**10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.**

**16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**

**17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11

**Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means!
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all
of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his
death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

**For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly
be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self
was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and
we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed
from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live
with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he
died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also
must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Take up your cross

Hymnal #675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body

in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

**For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.**

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Williamson

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.**

There is a Balm in Gilead

Douglas Mears

Soloist: Alma Ramos

Prayers of the People

**Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray
with one heart and mind to God our Father.**

**Holy Trinity, your Church is splintered and sorrowful. We are undone by the
virulence of the age into which you have called us. We hunger for the bread
only you can give; we long for the solace of an absent embrace. Gather us
close, hide us under the shadow of your wings, and strengthen us to be your
ministers amidst the uncertainties that lie ahead. Lord in your mercy:**

Hear our prayer

For peace from on high and for our salvation. We pray that the Holy Spirit might shield those who work in health care, grant healing in the lives of those infected, and by the power of God, that this global pandemic be brought to a quick end. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church in Central City, St. Stephen's in Grand Island, Deacon David Stoddard, and for the Rosebud Reservation. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For this holy gathering both near and afar and for those who come with faith and reverence of God. We pray especially for those who in these days feel isolated or alone, and for those with little access to healthcare. We pray for all who have lost their jobs, are in financial insecurity, hungry or feeling hopeless. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Bless and guide all leaders and ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; and for the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. Lead all those who govern and judge, especially Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor. Forgive us for our hatred and divisions. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead. Grant to all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever, especially Bill Juvrud (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Scott, Carole, Betty, Dusty, Sydney, Odessa, Guk, John, Tara and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Benjiman and Kaitlan, Hank and Charlotte, Burke and Shelly, Richard and Molly, Phil and Edi, Adrian and Sarah. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the two Engle, two Fleming, Fowler, and Frazey families. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray especially for those who in these days feel isolated or alone, and for those with little access to healthcare or are sick. We pray for all who have lost their jobs, are in financial insecurity, hungry or feeling hopeless. Especially for John Mabry and those we pray for now (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook) Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Be with all victims of violence during this difficult time. Comfort them in their distress and lead us to a world where violence ceases to exist. Comfort children who depend on school for food and safety. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for comfort. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the 1928 BCP)

The priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 Bishop, when present, or 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.**

Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the
Lord.***

Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish

Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing:

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Song: Reprise "Whole World"

Congregation to echo:

*When it seems that sun is setting on
All the dreams you had
And the prayers that you offer up
They get no answer back*

***(When it seems that sun is setting on)
(All the dreams you had)
(And the prayers that you offer up)
(They get no answer back)***

Band:

When the weight of this whole broken world's
Too much for you to stand
And you're dying for the kind of peace
That you can't comprehend

You sang it as a little child and you still can
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

ALL SING:

***He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands***

Dismissal

Postlude: "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy"

Music by Josef Zawinul

Musicians (band): Dan Cerveny – keyboard/pedal bass; Darren Pettit – sax; Joey Gulizia – drums; Tom Phillips – guitar; - Susie Thorne, vocals.

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Vision Statement

We are a Christ-centered community,

joyfully making a difference by....

Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting

The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker-----Bishop, Diocese of Nebraska

The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector

The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest

The Rev. LaClaire Atkins-----Bishop's Society Curate