

**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 4, 2021 10:00 a.m.**



### The Rev. April Berends, Rector ~ The Rev. David Burman, Associate Rector

**Sarah Hess, Seminarian ~ Caroline Day, Seminarian**

**GATHERING**

*\* =* ***Rise*** *as you are able, in body or in spirit |* ✠*= a customary time to “cross” oneself*

**PRELUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Beethoven, arr. Goldston*

**\* THE 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**.

**HYMN** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

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**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 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

 Reader A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

 **People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 48** (*Read responsively)*

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;

 in the city of our God is his holy hill.

**2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion,**

 **the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**

3 God is in her citadels;

 he is known to be her sure refuge.

**4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled**

 **and marched forward together.**

5 They looked and were astounded;

 they retreated and fled in terror.

**6 Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth,**

 **like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**

7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts,

 in the city of our God; God has established her for ever.

**8 We have waited in silence on your loving‑kindness, O God,**

 **in the midst of your temple.**

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world’s end;

 your right hand is full of justice.

**10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice,**

 **because of your judgments.**

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her;

 count the number of her towers.

**12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds;**

 **that you may tell those who come after.**

13 This God is our God for ever and ever;

 he shall be our guide for evermore.

### \* THE GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

 Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

 Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

 **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** Sarah Hess, Seminarian

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

IntercessorHoly, holy, holy Lord, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you display your concern for the whole universe. You invite us, as your people, to gather the world’s needs into our hearts and bring them before you.

 We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Brian, our Bishop; for April and David, our priests; Sarah and Caroline, our seminarians; and for the fulfillment of the mission of the church, that we may bear witness to the risen Christ in all that we say and do, Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor We pray for the world that you so love, that being made new in you, we may work to restore the beauty of your creation. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People People We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor We pray for the nations of the world, that you may pour out your Spirit on all flesh and give to your people the blessing of peace. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor We pray for all who are in any kind of trouble, that they may know the joy of your salvation, and that we may respond to them in mercy with the love of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for

the Smallwood family, Patty, Michelle, Amanda, Jamie, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Gerry, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Niysah, Valorie, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Barbara, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, Joyce, and Ann;

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all of our Armed Forces, here and abroad;

We pray for Bren who is deployed as a nurse in the pandemic.

We pray for Jessica, Alice and Ali, who are with child.

We pray for all who are sick or grieving in this time of pandemic, for all whose homes are in

peril or uprooted because of climate change, and for all displaced because of warfare or

other disasters. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

IntercessorWe pray for those who have died, and those who are dying. Gather them into the arms of your mercy, and receive them into the joy of your eternal realm. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People We lift our prayers to you.**

Celebrant Guardian of the weak, through the teachings of your prophets you have claimed our cities, towns, and homes as temples of your presence and citadels of your justice. Turn the places we live into strongholds of your grace, that the most vulnerable as well as the most powerful among us may find peace in the security that comes in the strong name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** **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.**

Priest 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***.*

 Hear the word of God to all people.  “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”         *Matthew 11:28*

**THE PEACE**

 Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

 **People And also with you**.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *How firm a foundation*

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**TABLE**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3**

 *(from* Enriching Our Worship*)*

*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*  All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The Celebrant continues)*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All:* **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus,**

 **come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

*All:* **Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope,**

 **justice and love.**

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All:* **Blessed are you now and for 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

 **People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** *For the Beauty of the Earth**Kocher, arr. Goldston*

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.*

**SENDING**

**\* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\* THE BLESSING**

**\* HYMN** *O Master, let me walk with thee*

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**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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| Celebrant | The Rev. David Burman |
| Preacher | Sarah Hess |
| Pianist | Barbara Dooley |

**Announcements**

**Sunday School for children** will be held each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the pavilion; nursery coming soon! Please contact Maria Hurt at mariahurt1915@gmail.com to help or if you need the nursery!

**The Grace Online Directory** has migrated to a service called Breeze but can still be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item “BREEZE” at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is ‘saygrace’ and the password is ‘Chattanooga’. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

**If you’d like to give Altar Flowers during the rest of this year**, please contact the office ((423) 243-3257/dcarden@saygrace.net to sign up for a Sunday. Cost is $77, and all donors need do is provide a dedication and the previously mentioned sum. Because it’s been so long since we’ve had flower donors and so many circumstances have changed, we are deleting all standing orders (unless you’ve been in touch with the office about them already) and beginning from scratch. If you want to establish a standing order, please contact the office.

**Picnic and Arts Camp**

On July 23, the Children’s Ministry invites all families with children to a picnic on the grounds preceding this year’s abridged version of Arts Camp. This includes families with children too young for regular art camp activities.

On July 24 and 25, we will hold a shortened Arts Camp for Grace kids, grandkids, and children of Grace visitors. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The curriculum will be shaped around each age group, with activities for ages 4 & 5, grades 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th (split into at least two groups) and 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th in another group and will be geared toward what the age groups will find fun and different. We will have an hour of programming for children ages 0 to almost 4. That schedule will be announced shortly.

We are not sure how many we can host in this era of COVID and quarantine, and we plan to handle things outdoors as much as possible.

We need all volunteers from past years who might be willing to help. There will be some morning set-up on Saturday and Sunday, so even if you can't help with kids, perhaps you can help with that!! Please let me know if you are interested by emailing Maria Hurt at **mariahurt1915@gmail.com** or text her at 423-503-4531.