



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

**Officiant:** Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant 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.*

**Officiant:** 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.*

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant and People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

**ANTIPHON**

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 65:1-8, 9-14 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.  
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.  
Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.  
Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.  
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.  
You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.  
You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.  
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.  
You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.  
You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.  
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.  
You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.  
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.  
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**Officiant and People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that

goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:1-11**

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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM: Hymn 635 "If thou but trust in God"**

**Susan Hollinger**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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."

**Officiant:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**SERMON: "Seedtime and Harvest"**

**Reverend Georgia DuBose**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**Officiant and People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

## SUFFRAGES "B" (Spoken by Whole Verse)

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; \*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you; \*

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today; \*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy; \*

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope; \*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

**Officiant and People:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A PRAYER FOR THE GOOD USE OF LEISURE

**Officiant and People:** O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a

congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

#### **COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

#### **A PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE**

**Officiant and People:** O Judge of nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of this country and other countries who, in this time of crisis, venture much to preserve the blessings we now enjoy. We ask that all who work while many shelter from the illness the corona virus causes, may be sustained in health and safety, and know the respect and gratitude of their fellow citizens. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (Moment of Silence)**

#### **A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

**Officiant and People:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

#### **BLESSING**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **DISMISSAL**

**Officiant:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Mother Georgia by email [gdubose@gmail.com](mailto:gdubose@gmail.com) or phone (304) 839-1124.

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#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*