

# St. Paul's Cathedral ✝ Burlington, Vermont

## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ✝ July 11, 2021

❖ During this service the People respond using words printed in bold face.

❖ In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.

❖ Before the service, the Celebrant may make announcements, after which stillness is kept.

❖ An instrumental voluntary is played.

### Opening Rite

We sing hymn 374 in The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an - gels round the throne;  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry "to be ex - alt - ed thus";  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and power di - vine;  
4 The whole cre - a - tion joins in one to bless the sa - cred Name



ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply "for he was slain for us."  
may bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ev - er thine.  
of him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

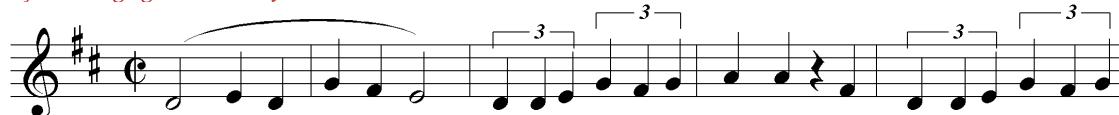
Words Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of *A Song to the Lamb* • Music NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR, att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

*The Celebrant says,*

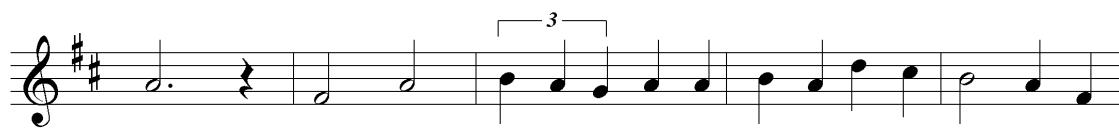
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

We join in singing the ancient hymn *Gloria in excelsis*:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus

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 pray'r. 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  
 men.

Setting Herbert J. Austin, 1978

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day, first saying,*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

## The Word of God

*We hear a reading from the Old Testament:*

A reading from Amos.

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Amos 7:7-15

Here ends the reading.

*We sing Psalm 85:8-13, alternating high and low voices. Please join in at home.*

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is say-ing,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people, and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,\* that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met to-gether,\* righteousness and peace have kissed each oth - er.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,\* and righteousness shall look down from heav - en.

12 The LORD will indeed grant pro-sper - i - ty,\* and our land will yield its in - crease.

13 Righteousness shall go be - forehim,\* and peace shall be a path-way for his feet.

*Chant Plainsong, tone 1*

*We hear a reading from the Christian Epistles:*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth,

the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Here ends the reading.

*We join in a sequence hymn. Please sing boldly at home.*

*Unison*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words American folk hymn, ca. 1835 • Music WONDROUS LOVE, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

*We hear a reading from the Gospels.*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she

rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Mark 6:14-29*

Here ends the reading.

**Sermon**      *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

*After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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,  
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.

## The Prayers

*The Celebrant says,*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love,  
and reveal your glory in the world.      *Stillness*

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.      *Stillness*

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly  
in the service of others and to your honor and glory.      *Stillness*

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them,  
and love one another as he loves us.      *Stillness*

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Stillness*

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Stillness*

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the concerns of our hearts known and unknown. *Stillness*

*The People may offer petitions silently, aloud at home, or using the Zoom chat box, from which a leader will read aloud.*

*As this period of open prayer ends, the Intercessor says,*  
Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Celebrant says,*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. + *Stillness is kept, for reflection*

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 Celebrant pronounces absolution, saying,*  
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.

*We say the Lord's Prayer together:*  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*We sing hymn 669 in The Hymnal 1982, on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.*

Words Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. A. W. Farlander (1898-1952) and C. W. Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

Music HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN [PASSION CHORALE], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The Celebrant offers a blessing*

*The Celebrant dismisses us, saying*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*An instrumental voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.*

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