



The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday    June 7, 2020

**Opening Hymn:** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (lyrics on screen)

Celebrant      Blessed by God, Creator, Redeem and Sanctifier  
People      And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.  
People      And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Lessons**

#### **A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

##### **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*The Reader may say*

If you were content Lord, you would not bother us; but you are restless.  
*People: May your restlessness be born in us, that you upset our easiness and require us to respond.*

## Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Governor, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the world!  
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
    your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
<sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
    to quell the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>4</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
    the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>5</sup> What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
<sup>6</sup> You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;  
<sup>7</sup> You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
<sup>8</sup> All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>9</sup> The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
<sup>10</sup> O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## A Reading from the Epistles of the Early Church

### 2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*The Reader may say*

Use me, O Lord, for the work you have me do.  
*People:* And taking me, help me not to resist you.

**Gradual**      *Balm in Gilead*      (lyrics on screen)

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28: 16 - 20)  
*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has

been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

Rev. Ken Phelps, Jr.

**An Affirmation of Faith** (*New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

*People: We believe in God: Who has created and is creating,*

*Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh,*

*to reconcile and make new,*

*Who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:*

*To celebrate God’s presence,*

*To love and to serve others,*

*To seek justice and resist evil,*

*To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.*

*We are not alone. Thanks be to God.*

**The Prayers of the People**

Inspired by the Spirit, we offer our prayers to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the ministers of the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Robert our Bishops, Ken and Lisa, our clergy, Betsy, our clergy emeritus. Kip, Patrick, Deb, Tom and Barbara, our wardens, Steve, our treasurer; for our vestry and other mission leaders, and for those who serve the church at St James’, Lafayette Square; St John’s in-the-Village, Baltimore; St Katherine of Alexandria, Baltimore; and, for John T. Smith, Walter V. L.

Eversley and for Portia R. C. Hirschman. *Silence* we pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For every member of the human family, that we be guided to all truth by the Spirit of truth *Silence* we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the stewards of the earth, and for the renewed witness to the gospel among people serving in positions of public trust, especially for Donald, President of the United States, Larry, Governor of the State of Maryland, and those who serve us in County and State; that all accept creation as a wondrous gift, and work to preserve its beauty, and the dignity and respect of all creatures great and small, we pray to the Lord. *Silence* we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who celebrate community here, that our labors spread joy and our witness brings peace, *Silence* we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all the sick and suffering, the lonely and the dying, especially all others we raise before you...

*(Members are encouraged to pray silently or aloud for those known and unknown to our community. When all petitions have been offered, and a period of silence has been kept, the leader continues...)*

That their affliction lead to endurance, their endurance to virtue, and their virtue to hope, *Silence* we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who have died and for those who mourn them, *Silence* we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who are in any way affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Comfort and sustain those who have been stricken; relieve their pain and restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength. Grant to all in authority the courage to make wise decisions that are essential for the common good and strengthen them to lead institutions that care for those whom they serve. Watch over all first responders and those in the medical professions whose duty it is to care for the sick; guard them from all danger,

and keep them safe in the knowledge that is through their sacrifice and service that the health of the whole community is promoted,     *Silence*     we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, from whom good things flow, we thank you and bless you. Answer our prayers and bring us hope through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*   And also with you

Announcements

## **The Holy Communion**

The Offertory *I still have joy* (lyrics on screen)

Celebrant: Lord God, in the service of your Kingdom, grant us the peace we may have, show us the peace we should seek.

*People:*   And give us the strength to do without, especially the peace we must forego for Jesus' sake.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The Celebrant sings or says*

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 God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Christ Jesus and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. You sent your son to redeem from sin and death, and to make us inheritors of your kingdom of Love. Therefore, joining angels and archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you gracious God, giver and sanctifier of life. You formed us in your own creative image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet, you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of healing for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made human in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and authentic 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 friends and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*  
Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation, this bread and this wine. By our Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with your Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints past, present and yet to come, we may praise your name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever. 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.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: We are one people; one body in Christ, for we eat of one loaf and drink from one cup.

*People: Thank you, gracious God, for the food that makes us one with you, and one with each other*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**      *Lift high the cross*      (lyrics on screen)

**Dismissal**