

# **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 20, 2025**

**The Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw

**Assisting:** The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins

**Meditation:** Seminarian Kathryn Brossa

**Music Ministry:** St. Thomas Summer Music Ministry

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## **Order of Service**

**The Prelude**

St. Thomas Music Ministry

**The Opening Hymn- “Jesus in the Morning” Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**

**#76**

**1) Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,**

**Jesus in the noontime;**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!**

**2) Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning,**

**Praise Him in the noontime; Praise Him, Praise Him**

**Praise Him when the sun goes down!**

**3) Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning,**

**Love Him in the noontime, Love Him,**

**Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.**

**4) Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morning,**

**Serve Him in the noontime, Serve Him, Serve Him,**

**Serve Him when the sun goes down.**

**5) Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,**

**Jesus in the noontime;**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!**

**A Word of Welcome**

The Celebrant

**The Opening Salutation**

**The Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**The People:** And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.

**The Collect for Purity**

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355**

**The Celebrant:** 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.

**The Gloria in excelsis**

**The Celebrant and The People**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus 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 prayer. 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 Father. AMEN.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

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

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

**The People:** And also, with you.

#### **The Celebrant: Let us pray**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

#### **The First Reading: Amos 8:1-12**

Victoria Rivers

#### **A Reading from the Book of Amos.**

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

**The People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 52**

Stephen Pugh

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
**against the godly all day long?**

You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
**O worker of deception.**

You love evil more than good \*  
**and lying more than speaking the truth.**

You love all words that hurt, \*  
**O you deceitful tongue.**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
**topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!**  
The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
**and they shall laugh at him, saying,**

"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
**but trusted in great wealth  
and relied upon wickedness."**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
**I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
**and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.**

### **The Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28**

Seth Williams

#### **A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to

make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

**The People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn--“Lift Him Up”**

LEVAS # 159 (vv. 1-2)

**1) How to reach the masses, those of every birth,  
For an answer Jesus gave the key;  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto Me.” [Chorus]**

**Chorus: Lift Him up, Lift Him up,  
Still He speaks from eternity:  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto Me.”**

**2) Oh! the world is hungry for the living bread,  
Lift the Savior up for them to see;  
Trust Him and do not doubt the words that  
He said, “I’ll draw all men unto Me.” [Chorus]**

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

Fr. Jay Collins

**The Priest:** The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**The Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily Hymn--“Lift Him Up”**

LEVAS # 159 (vv. 3-4)

**3) Don’t exalt the preacher, don’t exalt the pew,  
Preach the gospel simple, full and free;  
Prove Him and you will find that promise is true,  
“I’ll draw all men unto Me.” [Chorus]**

**Chorus: Lift Him up, Lift Him up,  
Still He speaks from eternity:  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto Me.”**

**4) Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,  
Let the world in you the Savior see;  
Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught,**

**“I’ll draw all men unto Me.” [Chorus]**

**The Meditation  
The Call to Christian Discipleship**

Seminarian Kathryn Brossa  
The Celebrant

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Patricia Akins

**Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
That we all may be one.**

**Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

**We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

**We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

**Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

**The Concluding Collect**

The Celebrant

**The Confession**

BCP 360

**The Celebrant:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence is kept)

**The Celebrant and The People:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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 Absolution**

The Celebrant

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.**

**The Peace**

**The Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**The People:** And also, with you.

**The Holy Eucharist**

**The Offertory Sentence and Offering**

**The Offertory Selection**

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

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

**The People:** And also with you.

**The Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**The People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**The Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**The People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Celebrant adds a short Proper Preface)*

Therefore, we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

**The Celebrant and the 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.**

**The Celebrant:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He 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 of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**The Memorial Acclamation**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**The Celebrant:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is your, Almighty Father, now and forever.  
**AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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, forever and ever. AMEN.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed.

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

### **The Agnus Dei**

**The Celebrant:** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

**The People:** Have mercy upon us.

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**The People:** Have mercy upon us.

**The Celebrant:** Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

**The People:** Grant us thy peace.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**Let us pray:** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.

**The Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Distribution of Communion**

#### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**The Celebrant and the People:**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

#### **Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**The Celebrant:** In the healing name of Jesus and with the compassionate embrace of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts to those to whom you go today, so that they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**The People:** We who are many are one body, and we all share one bread and one cup.



**The Announcements**

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

**The Recognition of Visitors and Guests**

**The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel**

**Procession to the Columbarium  
Inurnment of Bonita G. Burgess  
2/14/1940-4/22/2025**

**The Final Blessing**

The Celebrant

**The Closing Hymn- "Blessed Assurance"**

LEVAS #184

**1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**

**Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,**

**born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. [Refrain]**

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long.**

**This is my story, this is my song,**

**praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2) Perfect communion, perfect delight,**

**visions of rapture now burst on my sight.**

**Angels descending bring from above**

**echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**3) Perfect submission, all is at rest.**

**I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,**

**watching and waiting, looking above,**

**filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]**

**The Dismissal**

**The Postlude**

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