



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

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Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Opening Hymn 593

Lord make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Canticle G

I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.

I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.

You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Book of Genesis

(25:19-34)
Susan Schubert

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 119:105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis* Richard Pfleger & Michael Proscia

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Lector A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

(8:1-11)
Jane Graham

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 115 *Spirit of the Living God*

Daniel Iverson

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(13:1-9,18-23)

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Reflection

Rev. Terri Brice

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,
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 [and the Son],
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.

Prayers of the People

Sherran Davis

Lest the Word of God return empty to the heavens, let us turn our hearts to the needs of others and plant the seeds of justice, saying: In mercy, hear us.

For the Christian churches throughout the world, that together we may harvest compassion in an abundance of mercy, we pray: *In mercy, hear us.*

That leaders of government refuse to worship, the god of war, but rather attend to Christ's call of peace we pray: *In mercy, hear us.*

For farmers, harvesters, and migrant workers, and for an end of injustice toward those who work the land, we pray: *In mercy, hear us.*

That people of the earth may honor and respect the natural resources of the planet, and for an end to the consumerism that encourages ravage, we pray: *In mercy, hear us.*

For the catechumens in our communities, that fertile in faith they may be a soil rich in receptivity, we pray: *In mercy, hear us.*

For all the sick, and for all the oppressed, that the reign of God will hold sway in all human life, we pray: *In mercy, hear us.*

[here other intercessions may be offered]

(if you wish, please unmute your channel to add your petitions)

Blessed and praised are you, O God, for the word of your mouth. In your mercy, listen to all who call to you in faith. Let your word find root in our lives. We pray in the name of your child Jesus, who lives with you in the power of the Spirit, forever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(if you wish, please unmute your channel at this time)*

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

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.

A Meditation for This Season

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word *Gott sei Dank*

The Dismissal

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Susan Schubert & Jane Graham
Psalmists	Richard Pflieger & Michael Proscia
Music	Tom Elston- Music Director
	Lisa Norton-Rotella & Val Valverde
Prayers of the People	Sherran Davis
Communications Director	Jorge Darr



Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.

At 10:00am on Sunday morning, visit the Zoom website and "join a meeting." This week's meeting ID is **890 4465 2335**. The password is **704817**. You should be connected into the meeting. Participants will be "muted" upon entry so that the service can begin in quiet. Please refer to your 'Eagle Notes' e-mail for instructions on how to utilize our Zoom worship sessions.

If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) **1-929-205-6099** and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

Acknowledging materials used in today's worship:

Enriching Our Worship.: Supplemental Liturgical Materials. Church Publishing Incorporated, 1998.

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The Book of Common Prayer. Church Publishing Incorporated, 2006.

The Hymnal 1982. Church Hymnal Corp., 1985.

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A few notes about our Zoom worship:

As we continue to use this technology to conduct our worship experience here at St. John's, we would like to clarify a few of the protocols that are in place for the service.

- Due to privacy concerns, Zoom has changed the host's ability to 'unmute' participants during the service. This has been done in the past during the Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer. Although this has added a richness to the worship experience in hearing all of your wonderful voices, privacy concerns in the world have prevented this from happening automatically. To continue our newly found 'tradition' of on-line communal response, please note the following:
 - If you would like to add a petition or prayer at the appropriate time in the service, please 'unmute' yourself when asked during the Prayers of the People. Please 'mute' yourself when finished.
 - Likewise, if you would like to add your voice to the 'Lord's Prayer', please 'unmute' yourself when prompted with "And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say"
 - At the end of the service, when the 'peace' is exchanged, please feel free to 'unmute' yourself, exchanging the peace and greeting one another. We will keep the Zoom channel open as people meet and greet one another. The Facebook Live streaming will stop at the peace, so that any conversations and dialog amongst yourselves and other participants WILL NOT be broadcast to the general public.
- During 'in-person' worship, we all find ourselves facing the front of the church, seeing the backs of the heads in front of us. However, with Zoom we see a 'sea of faces' looking back at us, and often we tend to forget we are on camera. Please be aware of your surroundings, actions, and things that might distract. In the lower left corner of your Zoom screen, there is an icon with a video camera. By 'stopping video' you replace your camera's view with either an image you supply, or simply your name. Please feel free to use it as you see fit!
- If you have an active role in the service, such as reader, psalmist, or prayer leader, please follow these cues: (please maintain silence until your part comes up)
 - 1st Reader: Unmute yourself during the 'Collect of the Day'
 - Psalmist(s): Unmute yourself during the last portion of the 1st reading.
 - 2nd Reader: Unmute yourself during the last verse of the Psalm
 - Prayer Leader: Unmute yourself during the Nicene Creed

Thank you so much for helping us make this a rich and meaningful experience for us all!

