

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 6, 2021

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude:

Announcements

Processional Hymn: Hymn: 47- "On this day, the first of days"

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Opening Sentences and Collect

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The Gloria S280

Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20,

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only-- you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Psalm 138

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The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture-- "I believed, and so I spoke" -- we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gradual Hymn: 446 "Praise to the Holiest in the height" (vs 1-2, 3-5)

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has

risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" – for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew Gerns

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to the God in whose word is our hope, through Jesus in whose mission and ministry we share, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, that in all places we may be a sign of God's love and mercy to all who are broken, suffering or searching, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we may gladly welcome all as brothers and sisters to the feast of the Lord's table and to the embrace of the Lord's healing, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace, that God will transform hearts that are hard and minds that are closed so that bloodshed may cease and peace be established in all places of conflict, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in places of leadership and authority, especially Joe, our President and Ron, our Governor, that they may hear God's call of wisdom and understanding and be voices for peace and justice.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For an open and listening heart, that we may each hear God's invitation to us and respond with joy to bring new hope and new life to others, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have been impacted by disaster, that God will help them rebuild their lives, give them strength to face their challenges and touch the hearts of many to assist them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Gabe Runza, Stanley Noseworthy, John Westlake, Caroline Barnett, Diane McAllister, Mhairi Williams, Esther Johnson, Honey Deutsch, Hortense McGregor and Bill Balke and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Gabe and Lorraine Runza, Bill and Linda Balke and Nathan and Annette Wyatt, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer from violence, oppression, poverty, and illness, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially Nancy Bailey, Gerry Boone, Barbara Bowdoin, Harris Brown, Bill Buchanan, Pauline Burtner, Sandra Darnell, Lois Doe, Mary Every, Jane Farrell, Leah Johnson, Marilyn Jones, Bette Knutson, Dale Kruse, Nan Lanham, Donna Lusford, Joan Lutz, Rev. Glad McCurtain, Carol North, Lea Rummler, Gabe Runza, Gary Shamley, Simon Taylor, Rev. Kathleen Walter, Leona Weber, Mhairi Williams, Bob Wittenberg, and Bonnie Zwigaitis, that God's love will cleanse and heal their wounds and restore their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the departed who have been raised with Jesus and brought into his presence, remembering especially Richard Devine, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Blessed John the Evangelist, St. Barnabas the Apostle and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

Response: To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: We believe and so we pray, O God, that your glory may enter our lives. Hear the prayers we offer this day and send us out to proclaim the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: 209 "We walk by faith, and not by sight"

St. Botolph

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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Holy, Holy, Holy S129

Robert Powell

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S164

Richard Proulx

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

The Communion

Communion Hymn: 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home" Land of Rest

Post Communion Prayer

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Closing Hymn: 569 "God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest"

The Dismissal: Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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