

A Service of Ante-Communion

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Prelude

Voluntary on 'Old Hundredth' Z. 721
Henry Purcell

Welcome to Worship

Mother Debbie

Opening Hymn

From all the dwell below the skies
Hymn #380

*From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
through every land, by every tongue!*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
and truth eternal truth is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.*

First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

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Lucerna pedibus meis

- 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.

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

There is therefore now 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Your word, O God, is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path. May we strive to walk in in the light and set our mind on the Spirit, as we lift up prayers for the Church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. May your word find fertile soil in our hearts and grow to bear an abundance of the fruits of the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we remember that we are all created by your will and are all members of the same human family, and treat one another with the respect and dignity that you command. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of the harvest, bless the seeds and soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, so that all people may share in its bounty. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Caring God, help us to not be so focused on satisfying our own immediate desires that we despise our birthright as children of God, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Give us grace and power to accomplish your desire for justice, and aid the poor and powerless, the hungry and homeless, the unemployed and the underprivileged. Sustain and guide all who serve, particularly our first responders and health care professionals. We lift up to you this day: Anthony, Pat, Chris, Bonnie, Jessie, Candy, Cass, Erin, Nick, Phil, Jeremy. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and the sick, according to your word. Speak joy in the hearts of the despairing and sorrowful. We lift up to you this day all those we carry on our hearts, particularly Candy, David, Courtney, Roberto, Ann, Stephanie, Mary-Michele, Georgia M., Pam M., Mandy, Al, Bob, Becky, Sally, Clara., Mike, Ciara, Bob, Richard, Babs, Bill, Megann, Nicola and Alice Marie, Jodie and family, Jason, Steve and Mike, Andrew, Jim C., John, Jason, Joe, Dennis, Kyle, Noelle, Erin, Emily, Cathy, Helena, Janet, Barbara, Dorothy, Maureen, Robert, Denise, Ryland, Dan, Valerie, Felix, 'G', Iain, Molly, Lisa, Natalie, Thomas, Marie, Larry, Susan, Clara, Rita, Joe and his family, Cecilia, Doree, Doug, Samuel, Jack, Bob, Carol, Lydia, Norman, Alex, Charlie, Chris, Diane, Donald, the Passaro family, as well as all Covid19 victims here and across the world. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you preserve the lives of all who belong to you. Through the resurrection of your son, Christ Jesus, give to all who died, especially Sarah, Lou, Diana, Jonathan, Eddie, Michelle, Jimmy, Richard, Lois, Millie, Mike and all those who have unjustly died from violence, the fullness of eternal life with you. Comfort and uphold all who mourn, especially the Winmill, Tovey, Willis, Plitt, Basile, Elliott, Saunders, Gardner, Dashkavich, Cunniffe families, Millie's family, Sonia and all families who have lost loved ones to Covid 19 or violence. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud...

We remember: health care workers, hospital workers, police, fire, EMT's;
All those working for justice everywhere;
All workers and volunteers serving us during the pandemic, and those who recently have or will be returning to work;
Those struggling with mental illness and addictions;
Parents, particularly single parents;
Students, especially those with special needs and those in summer instruction;
Teachers, aides, and school employees, as they prepare for the fall;
The unemployed, underemployed and small business owners;
Government leaders, scientists and researchers

Celebrant: Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips; teach us your ways and apply our hearts to your law of love and mercy forever and to the end. Set our minds on ways of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

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 Priest says

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 Celebrant then continues

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.

Blessings and Thanksgivings

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Order of Services throughout June (unless notified otherwise):

10:15 a.m. Sundays: Sunday Ante-Communion* or Morning Prayer

9:00 p.m. Tuesdays: Compline

10:00 a.m. Wednesdays: Healing Service Prayers

9:00 p.m. Thursdays: Compline

Bulletins found on our website at: <https://allsaintsnavesink.org/>

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Sunday and Wednesday services uploaded to our YouTube page shortly after being on Facebook Live. Find our YouTube page here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0pU9QNLtwkh0Gu70twAshQ>

*Ante communion is the first part (Liturgy of the Word) part of Sunday Eucharist, and then closing with the Lord's prayer, Blessings, Dismissal.

Thank you to the many who have sent cards and contributions in honor of Deacon Michelle. They are much appreciated, and have and will help her and Sonia greatly.

Information on how our buildings can be reopened is from the Diocesan Committee Re-entering, Reopening, and Reimagining (RRR) Task Force. Their report is available on the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseofnj.org>. There are a number of guidelines and procedures that need to be implemented before we can reopen our buildings or even hold outside services. The parish has filed a plan that must be approved the Diocese before we can reopen. Until then, we will continue with online worship, Zoom Coffee Hour and meetings. Please know that when we return to in-person services, things will look and feel differently. However, keeping others safe is how we show our love.

THANK YOU! To the many who have sent in contributions during these tough times. We are grateful for each and every donation.

Donations can be mailed to:

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Join us for Zoom Coffee Hour! 11:15 am sharp to 11:40 a.m.

Topic: Zoom Coffee Hour

Time: Jul 12, 2020 11:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Postlude

Trumpet Tune called 'The Cibel' ZT. 678

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