

A Service of Ante-Communion

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 05, 2020

Prelude

*Overture HWV 351
George Frideric Händel, 1749*

A Welcome to Worship

Mother Debbie

*Opening Hymn
(please sing at home)*

*Love Divine, All loves excelling
Hymn #657*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.*

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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The man said to Rebekah and her household, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm 45:11-18

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- 11 “Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor.”
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 “In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

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

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my

members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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: Thanks be to our God through our Lord Jesus Christ. With grateful hearts, we pray to our loving God, saying; Gentle Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you call your church the 'bride of Christ'. Look upon your Church with eyes of compassion and love. May we generously share that love and compassion with others so all may come to you. Gentle Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have blessed our nation with many gifts. Help us to use our resources and gifts in a way that is a blessing for the many, and not just a few.

Raise up and empower leaders here and across the world in a way that leads to peace and justice. Gentle Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for our nation on this Independence Day weekend: may it and we be defenders of liberties, advocates of the lowly, and models of justice. May our nation truly strive to live up to its ideals of equality, opportunity and justice for all, and strive to honor your commandment to love. Gentle Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you promise to give rest to all those who carry heavy burdens. Lift up those who are weighed down by the burdens of poverty and hunger, war and violence, depression and despair. Encourage us to help others to carry their burdens; bless those serve our communities, 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. Gentle Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your Son Jesus revealed your heart to be gentle and humble. We pray for those who have restless souls. May all the sorrowful and suffering find their hope and rest in you, 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. Gentle Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you rescue us from death. We pray that all who have died, especially Lou, Diana, Jonathan, Eddie, Michelle, Jimmy, Richard, Lois, Millie, Mike and all those who have unjustly died from violence, may come to know that heavenly comfort that you have prepared for us. Give peace and strength to those who mourn, especially the 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. Gentle Lord: **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: Loving God, as we lift up our prayers to you, let us surrender our
burdens to you and trust in your care for us, for our loved ones, and for all of
creation. Help us to work in partnership with you through discernment and prayer
so that all may know of you and praise you always. All this we ask in and through
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

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

For Birthdays and Anniversaries

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/>

All Services on Facebook Live on the All Saints Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchnavesink/>

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:

All Saints' Memorial Church
P.O. Box 326
Navesink, NJ 07752

Or via On-line: *Text-to-Give* or from your computer

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Note: Due to the holiday weekend, no Zoom coffee hour this Sunday.

Postlude

*Variations on a Theme W78
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1804*