St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ
Morning Prayer with Spiritual Eucharist:
Rite Two–Sunday, June 14, 2020: 2nd Pentecost

Opening Hymn #321  The Holy Eucharist
Let us sing Verses 1 & 4

Officiant  Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Officiant
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin
The Officiant says to the people
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

(Silence for the people to silently confess their sins to God)

Officiant and People together
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 offers absolution to the people.)
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.

People Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter
Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia
Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Page 83
Officiant and People read responsively by half verse

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
  therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
  but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
  death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
  but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
  and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
  the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
  by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
  so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm Appointed
Psalm 100 Misericordiam et judicium BCP page 729
Officiant and People read responsively by verse

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
  serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
  he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
  give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
  and his faithfulness endures from age to age.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
  as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
The Lessons
One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The Reader says
A Reading from Exodus [19: 2-8a]

When the people of Israel had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness: Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

After each Lesson the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

9 The First Song of Isaiah Ecce, Deus [Isaiah 12:2-6] BCP pg 86

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
    I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
    and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
    from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
    Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
    see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
    and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
    for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #455 Jesus Christ Our Lord
Let us sing Verses 1 & 2

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal
O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee
We read thee best in him who came to bear for
We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ever new; uncomprehended and un-
in the sky above; we read thee in the earth be-
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
darkness of the grave; still more in resur-rec-tion

bought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full-ness of thy might.
The Gospel
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [9:35-10:23]

People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon by The Rev. M. Mantelle Bradley
The Apostles’ Creed  BCP page 96

Officiant and People together
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
   and born of the Virgin Mary.
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
   was crucified, died, and was buried.
   He descended to the dead.
   On the third day he rose again.
   He ascended into heaven,
   and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
   the holy catholic Church,
   the communion of saints,
   the forgiveness of sins,
   the resurrection of the body,
   and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace
The Celebrant says to the people
   The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People    And also with you.

The Prayers   BCP page 97
Officiant   The Lord be with you.
People     And also with you.
Officiant   Let us pray.
Officiant and People
   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.
The Litany during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing any disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Be with those who have died during this quarantine time and because of the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve in on earth. Lord in your mercy …

People:  Hear our prayer

Whether we are home or abroad, surround by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist, and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Lord in your mercy …
**People:** Hear our prayer

**Officiant**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Explanation of Spiritual Communion**

**Officiant says to the People**

Let us pray In union,

**Officiant and People**

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen** (From the Prayer Book for the Armed Forces from The Episcopal Church)

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**Officiant** Let us pray the Collects for the day

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.***
The General Thanksgiving   BCP page 101

Officiant and People together
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom   BCP page 102

Officiant and People together
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Second Sunday After Pentecost Blessing

Officiant says
May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Then may be said
Officiant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia
People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.