

**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST:**  
**PROPER 14**

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:00 AM

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Provo, Utah**

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has

devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of the Lord.

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM by Gidge

Psalm 85:8–13

*Benedixisti, Domine*

*BCP, 708*

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A reading from the Book of Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord

**Everyone: Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL by Deacon Sandra**

**Matthew 14:22–33**

The Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

**Everyone: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of our Lord

**Everyone: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SHARED REFLECTIONS by Deacon Sandra**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED by Rev. Sandra**

*Deacon Sandra:* Let us join together in affirming our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

### ***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 PRAYERS**

*Officiant:* We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

*Prayer Leader (Rev. Sandra):*

For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace, that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For creative ways to express the faith, drawing upon the jewels of our tradition, and using our hearts and minds to proclaim Christ's message to those of little faith or who have no faith at all; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment, so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For medical personnel who volunteer their services in foreign lands and amongst the most needy of the world, that we may lift our voices in praise for the good news they bring to others; let us pray.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

For those who have died and reside in the tomb of death, that Christ, who broke the chains of death, will bring them to eternal life; We pray especially for Edith at this time. The congregation is now invited to add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

*A moment of silence is kept for the congregation to vocally, or silently, offer the names of their deceased loved ones.*

Let us pray;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Ever increasing in faith, we continue our prayers. We pray for the Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop. We pray for our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Bishop Scott Hayashi and his family. We pray for all our clergy, Rev. Susan and Rev. Sandra, their spouses and companions, and their families. We pray for all those in Christ, and for our congregation at St. Mary's, We pray for our companion dioceses in Mexico and Myanmar; at this time, the congregation is invited to express your prayers and petitions, either silently or aloud.

*A moment of silence is kept for the congregation to vocally, or silently, offer their prayers and petitions.*

Let us pray.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

*The Officiant and People conclude with a Collect:*

**Loving God, open our hearts that we may grow deeper in your love, nurture our common life, and widen our circle in your service. Grant that we may welcome new people, new ideas, and new strength into this community of faith. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

***Officiant:***

Gracious God, we are grateful for all that You are and for all you have done through the Episcopal Diocese of Utah. We ask you now draw us closer to you and to each other as we engage in the search for our new bishop. Grant us discerning hearts which will fully trust in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Bless the people of this diocese with your power and purpose and bless this holy work we do in your name to your glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

***Officiant:*** Let us pray.

Ever living God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this church, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the Good News of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

***Deacon Sandra:***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Deacon Sandra 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.

***Deacon Sandra:***

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

## **THE PEACE**

Deacon Sandra

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

***Deacon Sandra:***

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering  
and sacrifice to God.

## **DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS:**

***Deacon Sandra:***

Thank you for your important ongoing financial support for St. Mary's, as well as your ministry to our neighbors and communities, whether you are sewing masks, making food donations to local pantries, shopping for those who are unable to shop and be in the community, offering your prayer support.....all are gifts offered in love.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*BCP, 97*

***Officiant:***

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

**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.**

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**Deacon Sandra:**

O Most blessed Savior, together with the faithful of every altar of your Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, we desire to offer you our praises and thanksgivings. We present to you ourselves, our souls and bodies, with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you.

And since we cannot now receive you in the sacraments, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts, and we unite ourselves to you and embrace you, O Jesus, with all the love of our souls.

COME, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts. **Amen.**

*(adapted from St. Augustine's Prayer Book)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL PRAYERS

### Birthday

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Travelers:

Oh God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular \_\_\_\_\_]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**BLESSING**

**Deacon Sandra**

**DISMISSAL**

**Deacon Sandra:** Let us go forth in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!