

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 21, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“As longs the deer for cooling streams”

Hugh Wilson (1764-1824)

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The People stand as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.

***People:* Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 69:8-11, 18-20

Salvum me fac

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

"Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

GOSPEL MUSIC

“I have decided to follow Jesus”

Indian Folk Melody

The People stand as able.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

The Rev’d Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

THE NICENE CREED

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intervessor: Lord, we give thanks for all who are able to worship with us today, either on our beautiful Christ Church campus or by streaming the service in their homes. Today, we honor the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and people who served as important father figures to others. We are so grateful for their love and care. We also extend a warm welcome to those who have not worshipped with us before and invite you to get to know us and our ministries.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intervessor: We recently commemorated Juneteenth, 155 years since the Emancipation Proclamation was read to enslaved African Americans in Texas. We renounce the sins of racism and bigotry and give thanks for all who have worked for equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunities from that day to the

present, often in the face of danger. Jesus told his disciples not to fear those who malign them and to proclaim the truth from the housetops. May our faith remain strong to enable us to stand up for what is right, knowing that Christ is with us. May empathy and compassion replace bias and hostility so that justice prevails for every living being.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for understanding between the branches of your global church and amongst all of its members. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Church of Nigeria. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. James', Parkton; St. Thomas, Owings Mills; and Trinity, Towson. We pray for the Presiding Bishop, Michael, the Maryland Diocesan Bishops Eugene and Robert, and our Rector, Emmanuel. We also give thanks for the service of our retired Rectors, James and Richard.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We seek healing for those throughout the world who suffer from Covid-19 and other illnesses. Within our own parish, we pray for George, Nell, Ashley, Bob, Wendy, Genelle, Jane, Eric, Alta, Pamela, Nick, Brayden, Emily, Dr Thomas Kramer, Chad, Brady, Aston and those you now name. May scientists be successful in their search for a Coronavirus vaccine and treatment.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for those who have departed this life, especially Winifred Blackett. May their souls rest in peace. We also remember people like George Floyd whose deaths have sparked worldwide movements for equality. We pray that all who grieve within our parish and beyond can find comfort in your loving kindness.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We are grateful for the happy occasions that members of the Christ Church family celebrate this week: Yaa, Renee, Abigail, Colleen, Jamie, Jim, Curt, Carl, Gina, Matthew, Jean, Rachelle, Emily, Littleton, Cynthia, Kobie, Douglas, Peter, Richard, Theophilus, Irene, William, Adam, Anna. Thank you for the joy that their birthdays, baptisms and marriages brought to them and to those who love them.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord, we are grateful to have been drawn to our multi-racial, multi-cultural Christ Church. We know that more work is needed in our nation in reconciliation for past injustices and prevention of additional harm. May we use our unique opportunity as members of this parish and the Episcopal Church to seek understanding and healing for all.

People: Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect, to which the People respond Amen.

The People stand as able.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord **with a wave or nod** and then be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People stand as able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***All:* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

***All:* Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***All:* 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

***All:* My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment
to receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.

DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Wie nach einer Wasserquelle, BWV 1119

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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