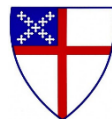


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1521 N. Patterson St.
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July 17, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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Prelude - *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. Pachelbel

Opening Hymn – *Come with us, O Blessed Jesus!*

Hymnal 336

Opening Salutation:

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

The Celebrant may say

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.***

Gloria

Hymnal S280

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People:

Amen.



July 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Lessons

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 52 (Unison)

BCP 657

Quid gloriaris?

- 1 **You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness
against the godly all day long?**
- 2 **You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor,
O worker of deception.**
- 3 **You love evil more than good
and lying more than speaking the truth.**
- 4 **You love all words that hurt,
O you deceitful tongue.**
- 5 **Oh, that God would demolish you utterly,
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!**
- 6 **The righteous shall see and tremble,
and they shall laugh at him, saying,**
- 7 **"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge,
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness."**

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

**9 I will give you thanks for what you have done
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the
godly.**

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Hymnal 440

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

The 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 (Form III)

BCP 387

Lay Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
We pray your blessing on Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus
Christ and share that grace with one another and the world. Grant that
every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott
our retired bishop; for David our Interim priest, Peter our retired priest,
Walter, Marcía, Stella, Patricia, and Nancy and for all bishops, priests,
and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in
the Armed Forces, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We remember especially:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the sick and troubled especially;
*Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Caty Carter, Wayne Cook, S.J.
Denmark, Janet Dickman, Irene Dodd, Marge Fitzsimons, Peter
Ingeman, Laura Paine, Rocky*

(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.) Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory - *Ubi Caritas et Amor*
Roger Emerson

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Sanctus Hymnal S130

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

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.

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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – *Be Thou My Vision*

Hymnal 488

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Hymnal 711

Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to 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.*

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Hymn – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymnal 423

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *In Thee is Gladness*

J.S. Bach

Special Notes

Stitchers of Love will meet this afternoon from 4:00 – 6:00 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. We have plenty of people to help teach if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

Vespers will now meet in-person on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. An audio recording will be made available for those who can't meet in person and will be available after the service. All other Sundays will meet via Zoom.

Pub Night, Thursday, July 21- We will gather at Georgia Beer Company, 109 S Briggs St, Valdosta, GA, this Thursday at 7 pm in the pump house for Pub Night. Our topic--The Use and Abuse of the Bible in the Church. Feel free to bring a Bible along with you. And, feel free to invite a non-Christ Church friend or relative. We're in a relaxed atmosphere with no "lesson" to be taught, just questions to be pursued. One of the church's ancient traditions is that theology is faith seeking understanding. So, we seek together.

Church-Wide Caucus and Brunch, July 31st.- You soon will be receiving summary reports of the Holy Conversations and the Holy Cow Survey. If you do not get email, copies will be in the narthex by July 24th. We will meet after the 10 am service in parish hall for brunch and discussion of these two reports. The noon service will not meet that day to give us ample time. These reports are relevant not only for the search process but for our ongoing life as a community of faith. Vestry, staff, and committees and teams will be guided by them in planning for the next few years. Child care will be extended through brunch to make it easier for younger families to stay through.

Caritas Sing-a-long will be held on Sunday, **July 31, 2022** beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Gary and Nancy located at **4738 Layla Lane, Hahira**. We will have a number of guitarists on hand to help lead us. Please bring a snack to share and join in the fun.

Live-streaming will be broadcast simultaneously on Facebook and YouTube. If there are technical difficulties where one of the platforms fails to live-stream, we will upload a recording of the service as soon as possible. Thank you to our Live-stream committee for all your hard work.

Note about Announcements – If you need to make an announcement to the congregation during announcement time, please step forward to the podium and speak into the mic. This assures everyone including our live-stream audience hears the announcement. Thank you for your help.

Serving Today

LEM: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Patricia Tyson, Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson

Acolytes: Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko

Ushers: Al Turner, Tome Carroll, John McRae

Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker