

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Proper 6, Track 2, Year B

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prelude

Hymn *O Worship the King*

388, Hymnal

Opening Acclamations

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider and People

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.

8 am Gloria

BCP, 356

10 am Gloria

(the 'S' hymns are in the front of the hymnal)

S280, Hymnal

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

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.

An introduction: There is much debate about the book of Ezekiel among scholars as to authorship and when it was written, but whether a compilation of prophecies of various prophets or a single prophet named Ezekiel, it was written around the time of the Babylonian Captivity, early in the sixth century before Christ. The text, much like Isaiah and Jeremiah, condemns Israel's sinful actions and predicts doom; but, as in this passage, also predicts a restoration of Israel.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it. **Response: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

An introduction: Scholars believe that what we know as the second letter to the Corinthians was likely the third letter, because it seems to refer to another letter now lost to us, which actually preceded what we know as his first letter to the Corinthians, and which strongly corrected the church. In this letter he has heard a report that this missing letter was well-received and he is relieved, but still he encourages them to stay on the right path, and appeals to their unity as new creatures in Christ.

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians [5:6-10, 14-17]

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord~ for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Response: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn O *Jesus, joy of loving hearts* (v. 1&2) 649, Hymnal

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [4:26-34]

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn O *Jesus, joy of loving hearts* (v. 3&4) 649, Hymnal

Sermon The Reverend Curtis Metzger

There may be a brief moment of silence

The Prayers of the People, Form III BCP, 387

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Church;

***Response:* That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***Response:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for the Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, and for Rob, our bishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember the parish of St. Barnabus Church in Berlin. In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember The Church of Nigeria. We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always.

Response: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

Response: **That there may be justice and peace on earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

Response: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: We pray especially for the people on our prayer list. Join me, if you would like in saying their names: **Jackie Rogers, Liam Ferguson, Ralph Profido, John B. Avery, Bunny Stoddard, Xondra Smith, Tyler Emerson, Christy Macaulay, Karl Vander Woude, Jaxson Bougor, David & Deb McRich, Dave Quinn, Mark Flescher, Noreen Watts, Sherry Sachritz, Joan Mistretta, Charlena McDufford, Lex Burton, Roxy Bowker, Sandy & Virginia Lyman, Laurie MacGregor, Anna Hayden, Patti Schaffer, Adon Fogg, Sue Wheeler, Pat Cowles, Larry Cormier, Valerie Lowe, Lyle Johnson, Bill Gilmore, Amy & Julian, Marcia, Don Perlee, Cindy, Xavi Lopez, Dorothea Williams, Ursula McNiff, Elaine Winters, Mark Aslanian** and for those you name silently or aloud. (pause)

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Response: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Please offer any prayer for thanksgiving at this time either silently or aloud. *(pause)*

Leader: We give you thanks for all our blessings.

***Response:* And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We remember all those who have died, especially for those who have died serving their country; and for those we wish to name at this time either silently or aloud; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(pause)*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Response:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***Response:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Silence *(Presider adds a concluding collect)*

Confession of Sin *Deacon* Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and people

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider continues

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

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

At the Presentation of our offering,

8 am **All things come of thee, O Lord.**

And of thine own have we given thee.

10 am we sing, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1)*

686, Hymnal

Come, thou fount of every blessing,

tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Streams of mercy never ceasing,

call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,

mount of God's unchanging love.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth,

winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Presider and People (sung at 10:00 a.m.)

S129, Hymnal

**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.**

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

The Presider continues

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of

sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP, 364

Breaking of the bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God, take this bread in remembrance that Christ lived, taught, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

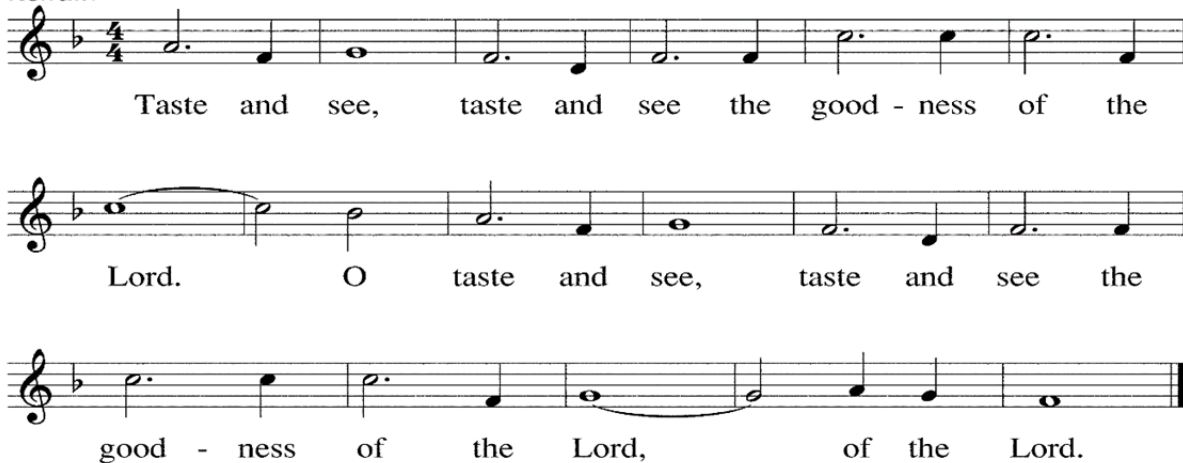
Presider: The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

All consume their bread

The Presider invites someone to consume the consecrated wine on behalf of all.

Jim Roan, Cantor

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

BCP, 365

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

Closing Hymn *We know that Christ is raised*

296, Hymnal

Dismissal *Response: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

WELCOME GUESTS!

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Flowers are given to the glory of God by Hank Peterson in honor of the 80th birthday of his loving wife, Jean-Marie.



Jack Kennedy & Kathleen Taylor



Jean-Marie Peterson and Tina Lister

PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY 11:30 am, ZOOM Coffee Hour
Tue., June 15th 11:00 am, Centering Prayer, Sanctuary
6:00 pm, Vestry

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Curtis Metzger	Deacon: The Rev. Paul Higginson
Readers: 8:00 Lisa Beausoleil	10:00 Linda Moore Victoria Cole
Intercessor: 8:00 Mary Ann Butson	10:00 Mary Sturtevant
Acolyte: 8:00 Mary Ann Butson	10:00 Jennifer Carbonneau
Music: Jim Roan, Organist	Usher: Terry Larsen

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by practicing our Christian faith through prayer and acts of love and unconditional
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