THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020
WELCOME BY GREETERS AND USHERS

RECTOR’S WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE

Priest: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

-Psalm 19:14

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People:

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.

Priest: 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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Priest 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.
Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him.

LEVAS 1

Lift ev’ry voice and sing
Sung by the Parish Choir.

1. Lift ev’ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven
   2. Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast’ning
   3. God of our wea’ry years, God of our silent

   1. ring, Ring with the harmonies of liber-
   2. rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had
   3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the
1. Ty; Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening soul.
2. Died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary way.
3. Way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the skies.

1. Skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
2. Feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed.
3. Light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
2. We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
3. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
2. We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

1. Brought us; Facing the rising sun Of our new
2. Slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, Till now we
3. Get thee, Shad-owed beneath Thy hand, May we for-
Romans 5:1-8

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Read by Heather Hopkins.

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.
14 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the Lord’S house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM You are the new day

You are the new day.
You are the new day.
I will love you more than me
And more than yesterday,
If you can but prove to me
You are the new day.
Send the sun in time for dawn,
Let the birds all hail the morning.
Love of life will urge me say
You are the new day.

Sung by the GenOut Youth Chorus.

John David
arr. Peter Knight
When I lay me down at night,
Knowing we must pay,
Thoughts occur that this night might
Stay yesterday.
Thoughts that we as humans small
Could slow worlds and end it all
Lie around me where they fall
Before the new day.

One more day when time is running out
For everyone,
Like a breath I knew would come I reach for
The new day.
Hope is my philosophy;
Just needs days in which to be.
Love of life means hope for me
Born on a new day.
You are the new day.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Fisher

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Read by Thom Sinclair and Jim Kreger.

Leader and People:
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 LORD’S PRAYER

Led by the Burkhardt Family.

The people stand or kneel.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader 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 SUFFRAGES

Versicle:  Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Response:  Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Versicle:  Day by day we bless you;
Response:  We praise your Name for ever.
Versicle:  Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Response:  Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Versicle:  Lord, show us your love and mercy;
Response:  For we put our trust in you.
Versicle:  Let your way be known upon earth;
Response:  And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Priest:  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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Justin Dean and Matthew Sipala.

(adapted from prayers written by Brian McLaren.)

Leader:  Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, “We thank you, living God.”

Leader:  For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:
People:  We thank you, living God.

Leader:  For the communities of St. John’s and our companion relationships with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa* and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, Mariann and Chilton. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for St. George’s Church, Washington, and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:
People:  We thank you, living God.

Leader:  For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and for all who serve our country, that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace:
People:  We thank you, living God.

* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.
Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For those in special need today, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins. For the people of the Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the coronavirus and for your care for all those in need:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially Jack Bledsoe, Cay Buser, Walker Crochet, Doug Estes, Peter Koch, James Martens, Jennifer McCann, Austin McLaughlin, John Morefield, Obi Onwuamaegbu, Owen Owunwanne, John Paty, Lauren Raab, Will Rabbe, Mary Raether, Luca Russo, Anne Seidlitz, John Welsh, and Oliver Lehmann Weng; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially Julie and Thomas Cellucci, Martha Blalock and Chris Delucchi, Elizabeth and Chris Gardner, Barbara and Mac Johnston, Nancy and Sandy Martin, Diane and Howard Melton, Livy and John More, and Laura and Sam Patten.

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For our country and all who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For those who have died, especially Kevin Pasley who died June 4, 2020, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People: We thank you, living God.
A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS  
Read by Jill Dowell.

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE  
Read by Hilary West.

Leader: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart  
and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may  
crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our  
divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Leader: 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.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those  
who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And  
the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with  
you always.

People: Amen.
Priest: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

- Ephesians 3:20, 21

VOLUNTARY  Festal March  Florence B. Price
(1887-1953)

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

USHERS: The Rhodes Family.

GREETERS: Leila Taaffe, and Thom Sinclair and Jim Kreger.