

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**June 21, 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.**

# THE VENITE

Led by Betsy Danello.

**Psalm 95:1-7**

**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.**

# HYMN 594

*God of grace and God of glory*

*Sung by the Summer Choir.*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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**THE READING**

**Romans 6:1b-11**

*Read by Desirée Stolar.*

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.**

**PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17**

*Read by Lauren Edwards.*

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things;  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

**THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**Matthew 10:24-39**

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.”

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM**

*Incline thine ear*

Ernest Charles  
(1895–1984)

Johnathon O’Neal, soloist  
Samantha Scheff, organist

Incline thine ear and come unto me:  
Hear and thy soul shall live.  
Ho, everyone that thirstest,  
Come ye to the waters,  
And he that hath no money,  
Come ye, buy, and eat.

—Isaiah 55:3,1

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Robert W. Fisher**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Read by Joanne and Powell Hutton.*

*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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Led by the Sarah and Jeff Agnew.*

**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

*Read by Laurie Adams and Matt Bode.*

**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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Priest:** 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Carl Ward.*

(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. Alban’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.**

**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.**

*\* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

**Leader:** For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Elizabeth Bartheld, Jacob Berlin, Rick Busch, Milton Chamberlain, Pam Covington, Bayley Garland, Katie Hantson, Andrew McBride, WonYong Shim, Katherine Simonds, Diane Spaulding, Elizabeth Thesmar, Ellen Vollrath,* and *Franklin Wyman*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Annette and Philip Anfinrud, Marion Blakey and William Dooley,* and *Jim Kreger and Thom Sinclair*; and in thanksgiving for *Beau Joaquin Sanchez* who was born June 15, 2020.

**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 *Jerrell Christopher Edwards* who died June 12 and *Sue Burton* who died June 16, 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 Katherine McClintic.*

**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 Michelle Mangrum.*

**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

*Read by Richard Greene.*

**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** Prelude on "*Nettleton*"

Gerre Hancock  
(1934-2012)

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

**USHER:** Anthony Pegues.

**GREETERS:** Eleanor and Peter Odom.