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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Prelude *My Country 'tis Of Thee Medley* arr. Ward

Please stand

Hymn #636 *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord* Foundation

Opening sentence p. 78

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

**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.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Please sit

Officiant Lord, open our lips. p. 80

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant 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.**

Antiphon Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

The Jubilate (*all recite in unison*)

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**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 48 (*all chant the psalm on the following tone*)



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- ¹ Great is the LORD, and highly to be **praised**; *
in the city of our God is his holy **hill**.
- ² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of **Zion**, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great **King**.
- ³ God is in her **citadels**; *
he is known to be her sure **refuge**.
- ⁴ Behold, the kings of the earth **assembled** *
and marched forward to **gether**.

- ⁵ They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- ⁶ Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the
east wind shatters them.
- ⁷ As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the
city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- ⁸ We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- ⁹ Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- ¹⁰ Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- ¹¹ Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- ¹² Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- ¹³ This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for ever more.
- 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. A-men.

The First Lesson 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Please stand

S280 Canticle 20: Glory To God

Powell

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Please sit

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than

what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Anthem

Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound

New Britain

The Gospel Mark 6:1-13

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should

repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together

**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 Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.**

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those

who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Hymn #657

Love divine, all love's excelling

Hyfrydol

Please sit

For the Human Family

p. 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Diocese

p. 817

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop Rob, and other clergy, and all our people. This week in our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Andrew's By The Sea, Nags Head. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Sick

p. 459

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants **Jeanine Wilson, Al Coward, Randy Tyler, Joan Leggett, Kay Barnacascel, Becky Godwin, John Tolbert, Coley McCally, Karen Gudiksen, Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Libby Smith, Lena Evans, Charles Taylor Spruill, Larry Watson, Julia Credle, Joey Ezelle, Racheal Coward, Peggy Parker, Sylvia Dawson, Elsie Benson, Riley Raines, Andy Walker, Will Copeland, Mary Gillam, Rita Hoggard, Stan Johnson, Mary Chappell, Beth Bryant, and others known to us;** give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

The General Thanksgiving

p. 101

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**

for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with the following

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*

Please stand

Hymn WLP #780

Lord, you give the great commission

Abbott's Leigh

Postlude

God Of Our Fathers

Warren

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Officiant: John Tyler

Sermon: Karen Ray

Organist: Tom Parker

Lector: John Tyler

Soloist: Agnes Powell

Altar Guild: Marti Tyler, Agnes Powell, Alice Pittman, Rosanna Rhea

Hostesses: Nancy G. Spruill, Janet Capehart, Jane Hall, Briley Rascoe

Offering: Bob Capehart, John Tyler

Ushers: Jim Davis, John Tyler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Opportunity Shoppe is now a drop off point for dry cleaning. Edmondson Cleaners in Edenton will pick up and return dry cleaning on Tuesdays and Fridays. You may drop off any day the Opp Shoppe is open: Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first 3 Saturdays of the month 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A price list is available, and the Opp Shoppe receives twenty percent of the proceeds.

If you would like to join the St. Thomas' Church prayer group, please contact Tra Perry to receive the group texts. If you have an immediate prayer request, you may send it to Tra to distribute to the group.

After the service, please take your printed bulletin with you or drop it into a designated recycling bin. Please do your visiting outside. For proper ventilation, the small fans will stay on. We will continue to live stream via Facebook Live for those who are unable to join us inside.

Some pews are still reserved for social distancing. Please be respectful of those who need to continue with masks and social distancing.

From Bishop Skirving's May 26 worship guidelines:

With regard to the need for face masking, individuals and congregations should adopt the following framework in planning for public worship:

- **All may wear a face mask.** Each of us will have a different comfort level about being with others in public. Those gathering for public worship should feel welcome to wear a face mask if they prefer to do so. Some may choose to wear a face mask when they cannot maintain physical distance from others.

- **Some should wear a face mask.** The CDC recommends that those who have not yet been vaccinated should wear a face mask when they are in close quarters with others. This would apply to children who are too young to be vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated, and those who have not chosen to be vaccinated.
- **None must wear a face mask.** In this sense, we are following our Governor's most recent Executive Order. But we can certainly hope that all who should wear a face mask will do so!

All involved in ministries with children, and in particular with children who are too young to be vaccinated, should continue to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.