

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Morning Prayer

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*Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...*

Prelude

Hymn 608

Eternal Father, strong to save

Music: Melita /  
John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging  
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## Opening Sentence

*Enriching Our Worship*, p. 19

**Officiant** We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

## Confession of Sin

*Enriching Our Worship*, pp. 19-20

**Officiant** Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence is observed. Please kneel as able and space permits.*

**All** 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.

**Officiant** 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 Invitatory and Psalter

**Officiant** O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise.

**People** And your glory all day long.

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Invitatory Psalm 63:1-8

*Enriching Our Worship*, pp. 22-23

*The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

**Officiant** God is the Rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*

my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*

and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*

and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*

your right hand holds me fast.

**Officiant** God is the Rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

## **Psalm 119:105-112**

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The First Lesson**

**Genesis 25:19-24**

**Lector** These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**The Response: Song of the Wilderness (Isaiah 35:1-7, 10)**

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 32*

*Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \*

**the desert shall rejoice and blossom;**

It shall blossom abundantly, \*

**and rejoice with joy and singing.**

They shall see the glory of the Lord, \*

**the majesty of our God.**

Strengthen the weary hands, \*

**and make firm the feeble knees.**

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \*

**Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \*

**and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.**

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \*

**and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \*

**and streams in the desert;**

The burning sand shall become a pool \*

**and the thirsty ground, springs of water.**

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \*

**with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \*

**and sorrow and sighing shall flee away**

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Preacher** Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**Preacher** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman

*A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 96*

*Please stand, as able and comfortable.*

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he 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

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Officiant** Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**All** 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.

## **Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life**

## **The Collects (Prayers)**

### **Collect of the Day**

**Officiant** O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Health Professionals**

adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 460

**Officiant** Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain; and lift up those who serve in administrative and custodial roles to support wellness in clinical settings; strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God**

**Officiant** God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Written by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Elizabeth Eaton. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To be prayed through the first Sunday in September.*

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.

### The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 101*

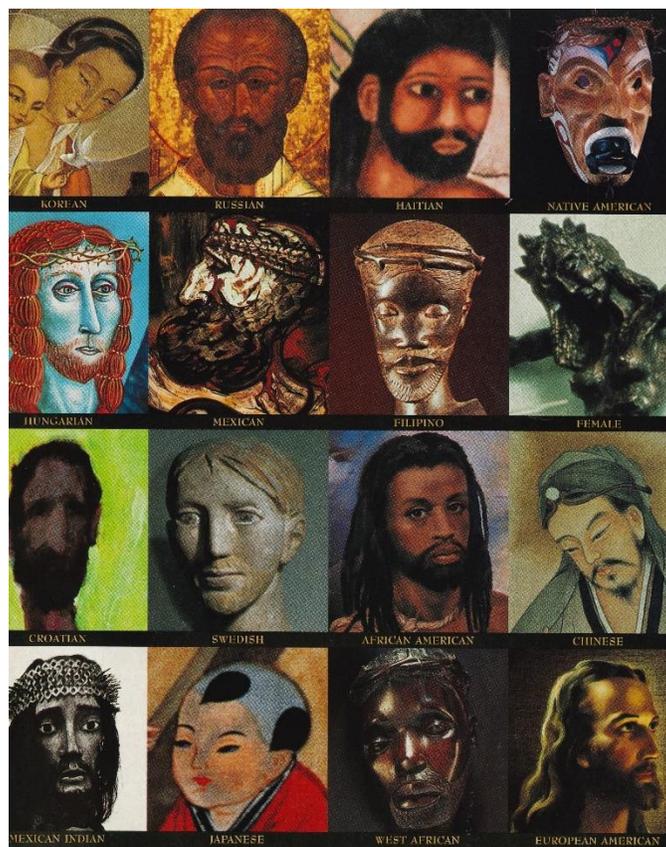
**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the 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

**Officiant** 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 God, 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.

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;  
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -  
 faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
 sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855  
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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## Concluding Blessing

**Officiant** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you, and remain with you and those you love, now and always. Amen.

## Postlude

The hymns this week are a gift of Phil and Priscilla Trussell.

## Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and The Most Revd Allan Migi - Archbishop of Papua New Guinea. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the Parishes of the Mystic Valley Deanery: St. Luke's Church/Iglesia de San Lucas, Chelsea; Grace Church Federated, East Boston; Grace Church, Everett; and, Hispanic Ministries.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Anne Marie Carleo.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd Christian Fellowship and Congregation Ruach Israel.

Your prayers are requested for Bob, Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, Linda Evans, and for all serving our country - especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

*Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!*

*Steve Sussman, Piano*

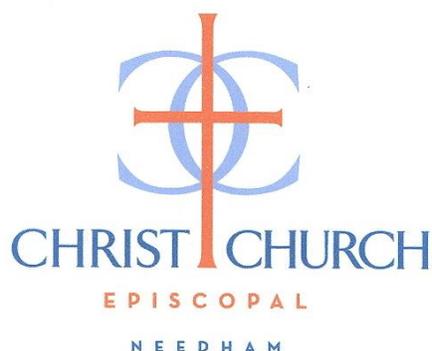
*Vocalists: Lea Peterson, Grant Furgiuele, Mark Anderson*

*And others to be named on air!*

*If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).*

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