



## June 13, 2021 – The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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- 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Chapel)  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Main Sanctuary, online and call-in)  
11 a.m. Coffee Hour (Upper Parish Hall, online, and Zoom)  
2 p.m. Holy Baptism of Charles Aronson (Main Sanctuary)

### Collect of the Day at 8:15 a.m.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

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 First Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had



beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **Psalm 20**

*Psalter for the Christian People, p. 31*

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
**the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;**  
From God's holy place may you receive help;  
**and strengthen you out of Zion;**  
Remember all your offerings \*  
**and accept your burnt sacrifice;**  
Grant you your heart's desire \*  
**and prosper all your plans.**  
We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
**may the LORD grant all your requests.**  
Now I know that the LORD gives victory to the anointed one; \*  
**out of God's holy heaven, will come an answer; the right hand of the LORD works victorious strength.**  
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
**but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.**  
They collapse and fall down, \*  
**but we will arise and stand upright.**  
O LORD, give victory to the king \*  
**and answer us when we call.**

### **The Second Lesson**

**2 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!

**Hymn 410 st 1, 2, 3** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

### **The Gospel**

**Mark 4:26-34**

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.

**Hymn 660**                      O master, let me walk with Thee

### **Prayers of the People**

*This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). 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 for the parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery: Brooks School Chapel, North Andover; St. Anne’s Church, (North) Billerica; All Saints’ Church, West Newbury; St. Mark’s Church, Westford; and Episcopal City Mission.*

*In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the High Rock Covenant Church Metrowest and the teachers and staff of all schools in Needham.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:*

*Rose Wentworth from Joan Clauson*

*Fred Sweet from Elaine Sweet*

*The Loved Ones of the Bergen and Batten Families from Phil and Susan Bergen*

*Your prayers are requested for Alex, Maya, Penny, Mark M., Martin W., Lois C., Maureen, Diane and her family, Chuck, Elaine D., Liz H., Toph, David, Barbara B., Leo, Meghan, Anita, Linda F., Sarah, Gail, and Thomas. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.*

**This week’s music is gifted by Dusty Hecker and Gwen Scarborough.**

### **Thank You to Those Who Serve**

Tim Lysaght, Tech Verger • Debby Rempis, Reader

Bruce Goody, Flutist • Jonathan Moretz, Guitarist • Pam Goody, Pianist

Coffee Hour: Debby Rempis and Betsy Amsbury