

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship for June 13, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Music

Opening Sentence of Scripture

One God has made us one in Christ.
God has set God's seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
(2 Corinthians 1:22)

Confession and Absolution of Sin

One So that we might better love as God loves us,
Let us confess the sin that seeks to separate us from God and one another.

A period of silence is kept.

Many **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.***

One Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Hymn – We walk by faith, and not by sight (*St. Botolph*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #209

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979) Copyright © Oxford University Press.
 All rights reserved. Used with permission.

One Holy One, open our lips.
Many **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One May Christ, the morning star, shine in our hearts.
Many **O come let us worship God.**

One Let us pray the following portion of Psalm 92 together, responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 92:1-4;11-14

- ¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to God, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
² **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp,
⁴ **For you have made me glad by your acts, O God, *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
¹¹ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
¹² **Those who are planted in the house of God *
shall flourish in the heavenly courts.**
¹³ They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent,
¹⁴ **That they may show how upright God is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

At the end of the Psalm is said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of God's Love (1 John 4:7-11)

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

At the end of the Canticle is said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from The Gospel of 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.

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

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by Alyssa Sali

The Nicene Creed

All together

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers

One Let us now pray in the words our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us.

Many **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.***

One Loving God, we give thanks for your presence;
Many **One God with many faces.**

One We pray for all baptized people;
Many **That we may live fully into our covenant with you.**

One Give us faith to serve you in all people;
Many **And our neighbors as ourselves.**

One Bless the leaders of our land;
Many **That we may be a people at peace among ourselves
 and a blessing to other nations.**

One Give us wisdom to revere our mother earth;
Many **That we may be faithful stewards of her abundance.**

One Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows of others;
Many **That barriers which divide us may crumble
 and we may live in justice and peace.**

The Collect of the Day

Creating God, you make all things new. Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts, so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

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.***

Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.

A General Thanksgiving

All together

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make Christ known;
and through Christ, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

Hymn – O Jesus, crowned with all renown (*Kingsfold*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dew be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt. Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

A Closing Prayer

Holy One, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and doubts and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Many **Thanks be to God.**