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## MORNING WORSHIP

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 10

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July 12, 2020 | St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*All together:*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE TRISAGION

Holy God,  
 Holy and Mighty,  
 Holy Immortal One,  
 Have mercy upon us.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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.

*People*          **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 119:105-112**

*Lucerna pedibus meis*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

*Celebrant*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV**

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those whom we regard as aliens and strangers, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the victims of COVID-19 throughout our country and the world, for all those on the front lines of care and support, for the development of a vaccine to lessen this scourge, and for changes in behavior to lessen the risk of infection. We pray especially for **Mary H., Kevin, Terri, Ethel, B.J., Art, Agnes, Patricia, Manuel, Amy, Dennis, Betty Dean, Melinda, Matthew, Ethan, Richard, Rita, Elizabeth, Adam, Terence, Jeff, Seneca, Danny, Michael, Yeva, John, Allen, Lavinia, Frieda, Pren, Bernadette, Jennifer, Steve, Andrea, Margaret, Mary, John H., Chris, Patsy, Nancy, Steve M., Bud, Marcy, Bob, Don, Carmen, Tristan, Jim C., Claire, Jaxon, Bob, Winter Lillee, Marlena, Ro, Peter, Casey, Bob L., Mona, Bill H., Barbara, Sadie, Morrill Family, Vince, Bob T., Lisa, Geoff** and those we now name...

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*All say "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God"*

**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.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY

MUSIC

“A Simple Song” from *Mass*  
Leonard Bernstein (1918–1990)

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray,

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**



## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"O Christ, the Word Incarnate"*

Hymnal 632

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.