

THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST



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**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.**

{COLLECT OF THE DAY}

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

{THE LESSONS}

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 11:1-15

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: PSALM 14

Antiphon: **When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, *
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

IBOW MY KNEES before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS WENT TO THE OTHER SIDE of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the

people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

{THE 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.
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 OF THE PEOPLE}

Come, Holy Spirit, hear the innermost thoughts of our hearts, and teach us to pray:

BOUNDLESS GOD, by whose power the whole world was created, and in whose wisdom we were fashioned and called to be your people, teach us wisdom and empower by your Spirit all your holy people for the work you have given us to do. We pray especially for +Bonnie (Perry), our Bishop; +Michael (Curry), our Presiding Bishop; +Justin (Welby), the Archbishop of Canterbury; +Moises (Quezada Mota), Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; +Elizabeth (Eaton), +Donald (Kreiss), and +Craig (Satterlee), our Lutheran Bishops in Common Mission; +Wendell (Gibbs) and +Stewart (Wood), our retired Bishops; and Andy+ (Guffey), our priest; and for all the people of St. Mary's.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

GOD OF ABUNDANT LIFE, in whose presence we find the truest Peace, teach us to live our common life with reckless peace, mercy, and generosity for all. As our work of peace constantly fails, be with those who strive to maintain it by serving in our armed forces, especially **Kevin Tye, Josh Tindall, Craig Froehlich, Justin Briggs, Josom Alomran, Jason Kelly, James Monaghan, Scott, Blake Abel, Joshua, Jerry Holley, Corbin, Nick McKenna, Sean Kellogg, Brandon Jamison, Patrick Kline, Anna Whetstone, Kyle Sholos, Marcus Powell, and LeeAnn Beckman.**

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

HEALING GOD, through whose Spirit the whole world is being renewed, bring us to wholeness; heal our hatreds and cruelties, as well as our infirmities and illnesses. Send your Comforter into all places of suffering, violence, and pain, and be especially with **Suzanne LaBatt, Linda & Al Nielsen, Sarah DelCampo, Christie Rowden, Carolyn Birch, Dan R., Kim Little, Neil King, Irene Howe, Terry Hart, Jaime Kinser, Brian and the Kelly Family, Janet Spears, Barb Sheldrick, Joe Shively, Penny Clay, Beth Shively, Victoria Shively, Marlyn Stroud, the Lee Family, Hannah and Tyler, Gail Bones,**

Nancy Marshall, **Todd** Rachel, **Bernie** Hetrick, **Shirley** Geeck, **the Rev. Frederick Trumbore**, **Hardy** Kefes, **Will** B.; and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including those we now name (*please add your own names, silently or aloud*).

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

LIVING GOD, in whose Spirit death is swallowed by life, bring safely to your eternal shores those whom we love but see no longer, especially **Dennis** Dombrowski, and those we now name _____ (*please add your own names, silently or aloud*). Welcome also those who go unnamed this day, the victims of chance, or illness, or cruelty.

Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Let us now offer those prayers which the Holy Spirit stirs within us.

A moment of silence will be held for you to offer your own prayers and intentions.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a Collect.

{CONFESSION OF SIN}

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

**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 PEACE}

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

{THE OFFERTORY}

{EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth... *(here the Celebrant offers the Proper Preface for the day)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O GOD, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

{THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD}

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

{SPIRITUAL COMMUNION}

An Act of Reception

O GOD, you are our God; eagerly we seek you;
our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore, we have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that we might behold your power and your glory.
We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
And, since we cannot all at this time receive these gifts,
We pray you to come into our hearts, and to unite us with yourself
as we endeavor to embrace you with our whole heart,
and soul, and mind, and strength.
Let nothing separate us from you,
and let us serve you in this life until, by your grace,
we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

{PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION}

Officiant and People

ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

{BLESSING}

May the Living God kindle life in your hearts and in your limbs;
May the Healing Word dissolve despair and dispel all shadows within you;
May the Spirit of Unquenchable Love fill you with Godly desire and holy longing;
and the blessing of God the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you
and remain with you always. Amen.

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The flowers at the altar are given today to celebrate the birth of Morgan Spence, great-grandson of Bob and Fran Masek.

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promotes an active and community-conscious congregation
supporting the mission and ministry of*

Jesus Christ.



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