

Sunday, June 18, 2023

After Pentecost, Year A – Lect. 11

Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE *A Father's Quiet Strength/ Our Father by Whose Name*

HYMN OF THE MONTH *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* **vss. 5-6 No. 619**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *In Christ Called to Baptize*

vss. 1,3,4

No. 575

1 **In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

3 **In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

4 **Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.**

GREETING P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**



KYRIE *Spoken*

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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P. *Spoken* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C. Sung ¹ **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

² **Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you **C. And also with you.**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

A READING FROM: GENESIS 18:1-15 [21:1-7] *The Lord appears to Abraham and Sarah*

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." [21:1]The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded

him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 116:12, 12-19 *We read responsively*

L: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
C: **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
L: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
C: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**
L: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
C: **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**
L: O LORD, I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.
C: **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**
L: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
C: **in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung*

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C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 9:35—38 *Finding laborers for the harvest*

C: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Intern Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

vss. 1,2,5 No. 579

- 1 **Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**
- 2 **Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**
- 5 **Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

APOSTLES CREED

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, and he will come 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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER – *SILENCE FOR REFLECTION* – PRAYERS

SHARING OF PEACE – *The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING *Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky,

C: you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING — PREFACE—HOLY, HOLY

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Spoken P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sung Holy, holy, holy Lord; Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *All people are invited to Christ's table. Come, taste, and see.*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation*

No. 679

- 1 **For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2 **In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 3 **For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION BLESSING — BENEDICTION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

- 1 **The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.** *REPEAT SECTION 1*
- 2 **The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.** *REPEAT SECTION 2*

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DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Go Ye Into the World*

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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| SUN/JUN 18 | 9 AM | WORSHIP-In person & live-streamed. <i>After worship, celebrate the father-figures in your life w/Dad's Root Beer Floats in the fellowship hall.</i> |
| | 7 PM | AA |
| WED/JUN 21 | 6 PM | WORSHIP OUTDOORS – Bring Your Own Chair |
| | 6:30 PM | Council |
| THU/JUN 22 | 1 PM | LOVE DAY |
| SUN/JUN 25 | 9 AM | WORSHIP-In person & live-streamed. |

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