

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH @ HOME



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*PROPER 10*

JULY 12, 2020

## **WELCOME!**

Welcome in the Lord's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. No matter who you are and where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome! You bless us with your presence. We have been gathering for over 150 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. We are currently gathering online, each in our own space, yet praising God together. We are delighted you are joining us, and hope to see you at future parish events.

## **ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST**

The season after Pentecost begins on the Monday following Pentecost and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the other Sundays of the season. These propers are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. This period is also understood by some as "ordinary time," a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance.

## **COVER ART**

“Sower” approximately 1886-1894 AD by James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902)

This watercolor is located in the Brooklyn Museum in New York, NY, USA.

The cover art is based on our gospel reading today, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Notes about the artist and his work: "...when his (Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels. While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining “aura” in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus."

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Hymn In Procession**

*"O day of radiant gladness"*

**Hymn 48**

- 1 O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.
- 2 This day at the creation the light first had its birth;  
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
this day our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,  
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.
- 3 This day, God's people meeting his Holy Scripture hear;  
His living presence greeting through Bread and Wine made near.  
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,  
From grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.
- 4 That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,  
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Church her voice up raises to thee, blest Three in One.

**Opening Sentence**

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy,  
"I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble  
spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP, p. 79**

Officiant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory**

**BCP, p.80**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All: 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. Alleluia.**

**Antiphon**

**All: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.**

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

**BCP, p.82**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**The Psalm Appointed**

*Te decet hymnus*

**Psalm 65: 9-14**

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;

you make it very plenteous; \*

the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.  
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.  
12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.  
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.  
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Here ends the Reading.

### **Canticle 20: Glory to God**

*Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
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.

## **The 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.

Here ends the Reading.

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

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

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.

Here ends the reading.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bryan Hinson  
**BCP, p.96**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

### **The Prayers**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p.97**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

**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.**

### **Suffrages (Versicle and Response)**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collects**

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. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Intercessor: Lest the Word of God return empty to the heavens, let us turn our hearts to the



needs of others and plant the seeds of justice, saying: In mercy, hear us.

For the Christian churches throughout the world, that together we may harvest compassion in an abundance of mercy. We pray especially for: ++Michael, +Rob, and +Don our bishops; Bryan+ and Gary+ our priests; for the bishop and people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; and for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction; we pray:

**People: In mercy, hear us.**

That the leaders of government refuse to worship Mars, the god of war, but rather attend to Christ's call of peace, we pray:

**People: In mercy, hear us.**

For farmers, harvesters, and migrant workers, and for an end to injustice toward those who work the land, we pray:

**People: In mercy, hear us.**

That people of the earth may honor and respect the natural resources of the planet, and for an end to the consumerism that encourages ravage and a hoarding of resources. We give thanks and pray for our ministries with: Appleton Episcopal Ministries, Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul Apartments and Village, and Weekend Lunch; we pray:

**People: In mercy, hear us.**

For the catechumens in our communities, that fertile in faith they may be a soil rich in receptivity, we pray:

**People: In mercy, hear us.**

For all the sick or those in need, especially for those on our long and short term prayer lists; and for all the oppressed, that the reign of God will hold sway in all human life, we pray:

**People: In mercy, hear us.**

Blessed and praised are you, O God, for the word of your mouth. In your mercy, listen to all who call to you in faith. Let your word find root in our lives. We pray in the name of your child Jesus, who lives with you in the power of the Spirit, forever.

**People: Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP, p.101**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness**

to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP, p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

*"Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove"*

Hymn 512

- 1      Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
         with light and comfort from above;  
         be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
         o'er every thought and step preside.
- 2      The light of truth to us display,  
         and make us know and choose thy way;  
         plant holy fear in every heart,  
         that we from thee may ne'er depart.
- 3      Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
         nor let us from his precepts stray;  
         lead us to holiness, the road  
         that we must take to dwell with God.

4      Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
         fullness of joy for ever there;  
         lead us to God, our final rest,  
         to be with him for ever blest.

## **Blessing**

### **Sending Forth**

Officiant:      Let us bless the Lord.

**People:      Thanks be to God.**

Officiant:      Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we  
can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in  
Christ Jesus for ever and ever, **Amen.**    *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus  
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."*



### CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop*  
The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, *Assisting Bishop*  
The Rev. Bryan Hinson, *Priest-in-Charge*  
The Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott, *Retired Priest-in-Residence*

### STAFF

Nadine Cheek, *Organist / Choirmaster*  
Dena Hobbs, *Campus Ministry*  
Leah Lowndes, *Parish Administrator*  
Akram Saymeh, *Bookkeeper*  
Mary Patmon, *Custodian*

### VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2020  
Dustin Gilmore  
Alex Mitchell  
Tamika Sanders

Class of 2021  
Charlie Bradshaw  
Teri Kramer  
Nancy Ogilvie

Class of 2022  
Billie Abbott  
Andrea Freeman  
Sean McCrackin

Teri Kramer, *Treasurer* | Russell Lewis, *Interim Chancellor* | Tamika Sanders, *Clerk*

*Thank you for joining us in worship.*

### SHORT TERM PRAYER LIST

Andrea, Anna, Bob, Bob, Brad, Bubber, Carol, Disa, Eve, Frances, Gary+, George, Geraldine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Jim, Julie, Kaleb, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the Parker family, Ramsey, Robert, Ray, Roslyn, Roy, the Sanders family, Victor, Walter, William, William

### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Amy, Becky, Betty, Bess, Bob, Chris, Connie, Cynthia, Danny, Dawn, Debbie, Francis, Hill, Howard, Jack, Jay, Jerry, Jessica, Jill, Jim, Jimmy, Jimmy, Jonas, Julie, Karen, Kay, Kelly, Laverne, Mackenna, Marian, Mercer, Mike, Nicholas, Patrick, Rebecca, Red, Rhonda, Richard, Ruth, Shirley, Thom, Toni, Tony