



**Sunday June 21, 2020**  
**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church, Bangor, Maine**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Today we celebrate Father's Day and give thanks for all the fathers and father-figures of our lives and parish, and wish them a happy and blessed day.**

**Opening sentences**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

**Confession Of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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 Officiant says*

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

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

*Officiant and People*

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

*Then follows the Venite, said in unison.*

*The Antiphon may first be sung or said with it.*

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

*Venite Psalm 95:1-7*

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!

*Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Inclina, Domine*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \***  
**save your servant who puts his trust in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 **Gladden the soul of your servant, \***  
**for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \***  
**and attend to the voice of my supplications.**
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \***

**nor anything like your works.**

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.

**10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.**

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

**17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

*At the end of the Psalms is said in unison*

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson (Genesis 21:8-21)**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God

heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The First Canticle**

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation - *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

*Said in Unison*

Let all creation bless the Lord,  
till heav'n with praise is ringing.  
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord,  
stir up the angels' singing.  
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!  
Make music, day, night, cold and heat:  
exalt the God who made you.  
All living things upon the earth,  
green fertile hills and mountains,  
sing to the God who gave you birth;  
be joyful, springs and fountains.  
Lithe water life, bright airborne birds,  
wild roving beast, tame flocks and herds:  
exalt the God who made you.  
O men and women everywhere,  
lift up a hymn of glory;  
let all who know God's steadfast care  
tell our salvation's story.  
No tongue be silent; sing your part,  
you humble souls and meek of heart;  
exalt the God who made you.

## **The Second Lesson (Romans 6:1b-11)**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn Canticle  
Hymn 390, v. 1, Praise to the Lord the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the king of cre -  
2. Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so might - i - ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros - per our work and de -  
4. Praise to the Lord— O let all that is in us a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
reign - ing; Keep - ing us safe at his  
fend us; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
dore him! All that has life and breath



he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
side, and so gent - ly sus - tain - ing.  
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend us.  
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Come, all who hear: Broth - ers and sis - ters, draw near,  
Have you not seen All you have need - ed has been  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,  
Let the "A - men!" Sound from his peo - ple a - gain—



Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
Met by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
Who with his love will be - friend us.  
Glad - ly with praise we a - dore him!

## The Third Lesson (Matthew 10:24-39)

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## The Apostles’ Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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 people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Then follows this set of Suffrages*

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 on 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

*The Collect for the Day*

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for an End to Racial Injustice*

O God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

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, hear 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.**

## Office Hymn

### Hymn 401, v. 1 The God of Abraam Praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*The People respond, "hear our prayer."*

*The General Thanksgiving, said in unison*

*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 ourselves 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.**

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.**

### Anthem at the Collection

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**Scripture reflection** –the Rev. Marguerite A. H. Steadman

### Final Prayer and Blessing

Let us Pray *in unison*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to**

**love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Lord bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. **Amen.**

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us Bless the Lord.

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

## **Postlude**

### **Parish Prayer list**

**For the Church** - Our Anglican Communion and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,  
Our Episcopal Church and Michael our Presiding Bishop;  
Our Diocese of Maine and Thomas our Bishop  
The congregations of St. Matthew's, Lisbon Good Shepherd, Rangeley. For students and faculty as summer vacation begins.

Our Parish of St. John's Bangor and Rita and Ann our clergy and all our people:

**For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed** – Ellen D., Denise A., Veronica, Amy, Jason A., Megan A., The Winne Family, Ralph R., Miranda S., Deej P., The Haluska family, Deborah J., The Bemis Family, Finn, Julie, Patricia, *Continued prayers for – Steadman Family, Sarah, and Patty D., Dick D., Beth P., Elsa G. Alice F., Steve B., Kristin W., Siobhan*

**For our Homebound Members** – *Evelyn L., Joline F., Kathleen D., Mary, Charles, Robert B., Christa F., Lois N., Lilly P., Earlene B., Nancy W., Cathy K., Betty C. and Eileen H.*

**For Everyone affected by the COVID19 virus** - all who are sick or dying, all who mourn, all who are isolated, anxious, or scared; for those without shelter or food and for all those sacrificing and volunteering to provide safe beds and nutritious meals; for all who are working in essential services, especially our doctors and nurses and all in our health care facilities, for all working in our grocery stores and supply chains and those who clean and sterilize everywhere; for all who willingly sacrifice their own needs and desires for sake of others' health and well being.

**For the World**, for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in war-torn places, especially those in those in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Iraq. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters, especially those in Africa during locust plague and famine. For those suffering from food scarcity anywhere. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced, especially for children.

**For our Nation:** for all who suffer from injustice; for eyes to see injustice and for the will to work for fairness for all of God's people; for all who protest and for those who are charged to maintain our safety; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression.

**For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community:** Donald Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills, Governor; and Clare Davitt, Mayor - that they govern with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

**For our Military Personnel**, especially those of this Parish: Dillan L., Joshua M., Aaron B., Timothy W.

**For the Departed** - Richard Corney, priest; Rayshard Brooks, Paul Williamson, Kate Winne, Edgar F. Wells, Priest; All who have died from the Corona Virus around the world; All who have died from racial injustice and violence around the world.

**With Thanksgiving** for the marriage of Christopher Hutchens and Anna-Maria Easley (daughter of Dcn. Ann McAlhany); for the birth of Lily Rider to Branden and Rebecca Rider; for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week - William B., Wendel C., Nancy D., Andy H., Tim P., Carolyn R., Cuthbert S., Anne W., and Katie W.

*If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact one of the clergy. Please use this list for your own personal prayers too.*