



**Sunday July 5, 2020**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Prelude**

Chorale 3 in La Mineur - Adagio, by César Franck

**Welcome and Announcements**

**We give thanks for our country this Independence Day weekend, for our democracy and the privileges and responsibilities of freedoms hard won, preserved, and protected.**

**We thank our Ushers ministry group for hosting our worship this day and for Jim Blanchetter their leader, and Bruce Mallonee our Officiant leading our service, and the Rev. Paul Tunkle, our guest preacher.**

**Opening sentences**

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

*John 4:23*

## 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 Priest alone stands and 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 45:11-18 *Eruclavit cor meum***

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse*

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.

12 **The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.**

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 **All glorious is the princess as she enters; \***

**her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

**16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.**

17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

*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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67)**

A Reading from the book of Genesis:

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your

camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

## The First Canticle

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

*Said in Unison*

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \***

**call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways \***

**and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \***

**and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \***

**nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \***

**so are my ways higher than your ways,**

and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
 and return not again, but water the earth,  
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
 it will not return to me empty;  
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
 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.

### The Second Lesson (Romans 7:15-25a)

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

The Hymn Canticle  
Hymn 718, v. 1 & 4, God of Our Fathers

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

## The Third Lesson (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 the Human Family*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for the Nation*

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Office Hymn  
Hymn 719, v. 1 & 2

# America, the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates

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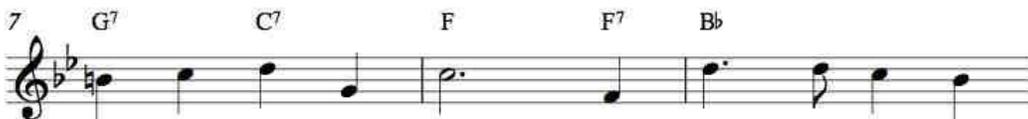
Samuel Ward



O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of  
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O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In li - ber - a - ting  
O beau - ti - ful for pat - riot dream That sees be - yond the



grain, For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A -  
stress, A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A -  
strife, Who more than self their coun - try loved, And  
years, Thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, Un -



bove the frui - ted plain! A - mer - i - ca! A -  
cross the wil - der - ness! A - mer - i - ca! A -  
mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A -  
dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A -



mer - i - ca! God Shed His grace on thee, And  
mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con -  
mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine, Till  
mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, And



crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!  
firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy li - ber - ty in law!  
all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine!  
crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea - to shin - ing sea!

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*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**

Introduction in G Major, by William Walond

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## Scripture reflection –The Rev. Paul Tunkle

Paul Tunkle was born and raised in New York City. His parents were secular Jews. He attended City College of New York for two years and then lived and worked in Boulder, Colorado, where he met and married Judy in 1972. That same year they moved to mid-coast Maine. In 1974, at age 24, he was baptized by Bishop Wolf at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rockland, Maine. They lived for most of that decade in Union, Maine, had three children and were members successively of St. Giles, Jefferson, and St. John the Baptist, Thomaston. He was employed as an accountant by F.J. O'Hara & Sons, Inc., in Rockland. In 1981 he earned a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Maine. Then they moved to Manhattan while attending the General Theological Seminary, where he earned his M. Div. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Wolf at St. Luke's Cathedral in Portland in June 1984, and ordained a priest one year later in North Carolina. After ordination he served as Assistant Rector at St. Luke's, Salisbury NC (1984 – 1987), and Rector of Holy Trinity, South River NJ (1987 – 1993). In 1993 he earned a D. Min. from the School of Theology at Drew University. He was then Rector of St. James, Alexandria, LA (1993 – 2001), and Rector of Redeemer, Baltimore MD (2001 – 2014). After retirement in 2014 they moved back to Maine and he served one quarter time as Priest in Charge of St. Philip's Wiscasset (2014-2016). Now his vocation is occupied in being available as a supply clergy to preach and celebrate as needed.

## Final Prayer and Blessing

Let us Pray *in unison*

**O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The Star-Spangled Banner, by John Stafford Smith

## 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. Giles', Jefferson and St. John Baptist, Thomaston

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

**For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed** – Ann, Katie, Bobby, Our choristers, Webb P. and his family and friends, Ann P., Ellen D., Denise A., Veronica, Amy, Jason A., Megan A., The Winne Family, Ralph R., Miranda S., Dee J. P., The Haluska family, Deborah J., The Bemis Family, *Continued prayers for – Finn, Julie, Patricia, Steadman Family, Sarah, and Patty D., Dick D., Beth P., Elsa G., Alice F.*

**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** - 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 lives of those celebrating birthdays this week - Ken H., Susan L., Obi M., Obi O., and Nolan R.

*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.*