



Sunday July 19, 2020
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Sehr Langsam (from "Organ Sonata No. 1")- Paul Hindemith

Welcome and Announcements

Opening sentences

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Psalm 105:1

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 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 **You press upon me behind and before ***
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 **Where can I go then from your Spirit? ***
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day; *
 darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
 try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
 and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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 28:10-19a)

A Reading from the book of Genesis:

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and

all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

The First Canticle

Canticle 21: We Praise You, O God *Te Deum laudamus*

Said in Unison

We praise you, O God,
 we acclaim you as Lord;
 all creation worships you,
 the Father everlasting.
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
 the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
 You, Christ, are the king of glory,
 the eternal Son of the Father.
 When you took our flesh to set us free
 you humbly chose the Virgin’s womb.
 You overcame the sting of death
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.
 We believe that you will come to be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

The Second Lesson (Romans 8:12-25)

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

The Hymn Canticle

Hymn 8, v. 1 & 3, Morning has broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

The Third Lesson (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43)

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Mission of the Church

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Office Hymn

Hymn 372, v. 1 & 4, Praise to the living God

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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

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Scripture reflection – Patricia Sprague

Pat Sprague has been a parishioner at St John's since 2005, and has participated in a variety of our ministries. Her current focus is on Adult Christian Education & Formation.

Patricia is part of a cohort that are participating in a workshop created by The Rev. Rebecca Liberty to develop our lay preacher program. Rev. Liberty is a Lutheran pastor ordained in the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in 2002. Born in the Midwest and raised in Silicon Valley, she earned her Master of Divinity at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and her Master of Business Administration at Marylhurst University. She previously served Lutheran congregations in Hong Kong, northern California, and Nevada, and until 2018, served as lead pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bangor. Today she focuses on supporting individuals and organizations in discerning clues to their callings, a ministry she began 15 years ago as Campus Minister for Vocation Discernment at Santa Clara University (a Jesuit Catholic university in Silicon Valley). Now as a discernment coach, consultant, and group facilitator, she accompanies people through transitions, big questions, and practices like the ones in her book, *The Treasure Hunt of Your Life: Seeking Your Calling, Encountering God, Finding Yourself*. She is so glad that in 2012 her own treasure hunt led her to Maine, where she lives in Bangor with her husband and two young children. *God, Finding Yourself*. She is so glad that in 2012 her own treasure hunt led her to Maine, where she lives in Bangor with her husband and two young children.

Final Prayer and Blessing

Let us Pray *in unison*

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.

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

Fantasy in g minor, BWV 542- J.S. Bach

Parish Prayer list

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed – Miranda S., Ann M., 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, and Ralph R. *Continued prayers for – Deej P., The Haluska family, Deborah J., The Bemis Family, Finn, Julie, Patricia, Steadman Family, Sarah, and Patty D.*

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 - Hilda McCollum, Kate Winne. 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 in the coming weeks - Meredith A., Sarah D., Virginia F., Russ I., Katharine F., Roger G., Anne-Marie M., Jeff P., Phoebe S., and Oma O.

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.