

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



The Word of God

Prelude: *Prelude in e minor*

F. Chopin

The Opening Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

I sing the al-might-y pow'r of God, that made the moun-tains rise, that spread the flow-ing
7 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes thy glo-ry known; and clouds a-rise, and
12 seas a-broad, and built the lof-ty skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the
tem-pests blow by or-der from thy throne; while all that bor-rows life from thee is
sun to rule the day, the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
ev-er in thy care, and ev-'ry-where that I could be, thou, God, art pre-sent there.

Words Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music FOREST GREEN English folk melody. Hymn #398, The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

✠ Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Jude Lyons

1st Reader 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.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Psalm 65: 9-14, Te decet hymnus

- 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 Gospel Anthem

Oseh Shalom

arr. Ray Urwin

Spanish-Portugese melody, arr Ray Urwin, 2009.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

† *There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Readers: Liz Cantine

*The People join in reading the words in **bold**.*

Sustaining God, hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken.

For civil and religious leaders, for those working for peace and justice, for those working with the poor and the unsheltered, bless them with integrity and truth, compassion and love. God of wisdom, **hear our prayers.**

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **hear our prayers.**

For all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Gale Lovrich, the Miles family, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all healing, **hear our prayers.**

For those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, injustice, gun violence, abuse or prejudice of any kind, and from the consequences of diseases and natural disasters. We pray for the healing of those suffering from the coronavirus and those ministering to them. God of protecting love, **hear our prayers.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all we have, **hear our prayers.**

For all those who have died, especially Adolphine Cobb, and all those we name to you now...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of comfort and grace, **hear our prayers.**

Celebrant Gracious God, thank you for always doing more than we could ask for or even imagine. Help us be faithful to our Christian calling especially in this world that needs people of justice, of peace and dreamers for a world of one heart. We ask this in the name and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon 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.

The Absolution

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

House of Grace

Joseph Martin

Jeannie Cobb, Kirsten Goulde, Susan Tsuji, Lloyd Mistele, quartet

*Here is a home where friends become family. Here is a church where peace resides. A place of charity, a place with harmony.
A fellowship where love and hope abide.*

This is a house of grace. We are a temple of living praise.

Throw open the doors, tell the world Christ is Lord.

Welcome home! This is a house of grace.

Here is a light that shines in the darkness. Here is a peace that calms the storm.

A place where joy is found. A place where love abounds.

A fellowship that serves the Risen Lord.

This is a house of grace...

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.

They will become for us spiritual food.

People **We bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People **We Bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages.

We thank you that we can be present spiritually around your table, no matter how near or far.

People **We bless God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here.

People **We praise God together.**

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

People **God has done so much for us.**

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

People **You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink.**

You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.

And so we praise you with all the angels as we say:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

People **All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.**

Celebrant He died for us on the cross and rose from the dead so your Spirit can make us your people.
We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread and gave thanks to you.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them, and said, "This is my body.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
"This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever,

✠ Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine so it can be for us the body and blood of Jesus.
Through this food give us the strength to live as your people.
Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

People Help us to love God, love others, serve the world, until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.

Celebrant We worship you, praise you, thank you and we bless you. Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Blessing

✠ Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

Hymn #679

Sure - ly it is God that saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not fear. For the
Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the

5
Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re -
Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi-on,

9
joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your

13
day of your de - liv - erence thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Hymnal 1982 #679

Postlude: Prelude in c minor

J.S. Bach