

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

The flowers on the altar are given by Dick & Sara Briggs to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Independence Day.

## Important Covid Safety Reminders

Bishop John Taylor now allows churches in the Diocese of Los Angeles to adopt the CDC Covid guidelines.

Therefore, for fully vaccinated people, face masks and social distancing are now optional, although please make the choices that are most comfortable for you. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. Please follow visual and verbal cues with regard to space during times of greeting such as the peace. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

*Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

"At The River"

arr. Aaron Copland

*Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.*

*Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.*

Processional Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #637, v. 1, 2, 5 + Descant



How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is  
"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For  
"The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose, I  
laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What more can he  
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,  
will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all  
say than to you he hath said, to you that for ref - uge to  
help thee, thy trou - bles to bless, up - held by my right - eous, om -  
hell shall en - deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no  
Je - sus have fled?  
ni - tent hand."  
nev - er for sake."

*Singers: St. Francis Choir*

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Jerry Sather

## The Opening Acclamation

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

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom,  
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*

## 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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, and say together.*

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah, Benedictus Dominus Deus, Luke 1:68-79

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-5

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Psalm 123, *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

Reader Let us read together from Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \***  
**to you enthroned in the heavens.**
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***  
**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \***  
**until he show us his mercy.**
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \***  
**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \***  
**and of the derision of the proud.**

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A reading from the Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul says, Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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*Please STAND, as able.*

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring good news to the poor.

**People Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ**

*Please be seated for*

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

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

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

The Affirmation of Faith

*New Zealand Prayer Book*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, for*

The Prayers of the People

*(names of individuals we pray for this week are at the end of this service bulletin)*

Let us pray for the church and world saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church: that by the Spirit we may teach with Christ's wisdom and perform his deeds of power for the healing of the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For healing: that the Spirit will comfort us when we are misunderstood, renew us when we have been unjustly criticized, and inspire us to show God's love each day.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all government leaders: that God will give them the wisdom to fulfill their responsibilities, hearts sensitive to the needs of those whom they serve, and freedom to pursue the common good.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Armed Services of our Country: that they be defended by heavenly grace and assured of God's presence wherever they may go.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer: that God's grace will be sufficient for all who experience weakness, insults, hardship, persecutions, and calamities and that they may be upheld by God's strength and justice.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all travelers: that God will smooth and quiet the way before them and guide them safely to their destination.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are ill, especially those we name before you now ...*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*, that God will bring an end to the pandemic and that we might be agents of healing and wholeness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, including those we name before you ...*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*, that God will welcome them to the eternal banquet in God's presence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our own concerns and the concerns of this community ...*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### The Prayer for Transition

Let us say together our prayer for transition.

**All** Lord, we ask that in this time of searching, that the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit help us to search our hearts, so that we may come to understand the needs of our parish, and through your wisdom define the path to meet our needs.

**Help us to patiently listen to each other when opinions differ, and help us unite by serving with love, and knowing that the journey is to be treasured as much as the destination. Amen.**

*(by John Bukowski)*

Celebrant Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Hear our prayers this day and grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin

*New Zealand Prayer Book*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please STAND or kneel as able, and join in saying,*

**All** Merciful God,  
we have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

### The Absolution

✠ Celebrant Through the cross of Christ,  
God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave. Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

Offertory Anthem

*Light of the World*

*Karen Marrolli*

*Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.*

*Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light. Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow. Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.*

*Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.*

*Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love; teach us how to follow. We must be your hands, lent to heal and blessed.*

*We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.*

*Christ in your image, we will greet the world; this is how we follow. Light of our days, we feel your dawning call;*

*Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!*

*Christ, you have claimed us, made us one. We will always follow!*

*St. Francis Choir*

*Please STAND, as able,*

The Offertory Prayers

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*The people join in reading the parts in **bold**.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.*

*The Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.***

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

**Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

**Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

**Do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

✠ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

**All 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.*

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome here at Christ's table. Take these gifts in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community—an 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 and those participating online*

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 Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

*Please STAND, as able,*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**



The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

The Closing Hymn

Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn #657, v. 1, 3

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

9  
fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

17  
Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

25  
vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and peace.

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Tune: Hyfrydol Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Mark Bennett, baritone

Postlude

"The Stars and Stripes Forever"/"Hoedown"

arr. David Knight



*Names of those we pray for this week.*

**All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families:** Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

**All those who are sick or in need of any kind:** Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christian-son, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, David Iida, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd, and Jennifer Zimmerman.