

MORNING PRAYER

PENTECOST 2

JUNE 6, 2021

PRELUDE: IMPROVISATION

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***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.***

VENITE PSALM 95:1-7

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

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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!

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

***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

A READING FROM GENESIS 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 *De profundis*

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- ² **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, ***
O LORD, who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- ⁴ **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; ***
in his word is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁶ **O Israel, wait for the LORD, ***
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- ⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture-- "I believed, and so I spoke"-- we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #784: HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES!

A READING FROM MARK 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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***

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V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. ***Govern them 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 upon 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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for parishes

in our Diocese, especially Church of the Messiah, Mayodan and St. Paul's, Monroe. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME and for the Hillsborough Clergy Coalition.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of Anathoth Community Garden and Fairview Gardens in our community.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County and the world, especially those without access to the COVID vaccine. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for Orange Congregations in Mission and their work in our community.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Tricia & Don, Nell, Ludie, Robert, Marion, Nancy, Jim, Joseph, Mimi, Betty, David, Robin, Carol, Becki, and Janice. We pray for those at Brookshire, both residents and staff.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN #188 (LEVAS): WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

This Week's Schedule

Sunday (6/6): Pentecost 2

Worship and Formation

- **OCIM Beef Stew Ingathering**
- **In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (church); 8:00am **registration form required**
- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:45am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 10:00am

Monday (6/7)

- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom); 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (6/8):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Staff Meeting** (Meeting Zoom); 11:30am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (6/9):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **In-Person Eucharist (Church)**; Noon; **registration form required**
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (6/10)

- **A Small Gathering Hosted by Vestry Member Madeline Liddicoat**: 5:00pm; registration via Signup Genius
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (6/11)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am

- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Saturday (6/12)

- **Habitat Workday**

Sunday (6/13): Pentecost 3

Worship and Formation

- **In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (church); 8:00am registration form required
- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:30am
- **Parish Picnic & Holy Eucharist** (on the grounds); 11:00am registration form required

**Please mask up if you come into any of the buildings
on the church property!!**

No public gathering is completely safe.

The removal of masks for those who are unvaccinated can increase the potential risk of infection.

Unvaccinated people remain susceptible to contracting COVID-19.

Singing can increase transmission from infected individuals.

In-Person Eucharist services are now being offered (registration form required)

We are thrilled to be able to return to the church for some small services.

- Eucharist on Wednesdays at Noon
- Beginning June 6, we are offering 8:00am in the church: Eucharist, Rite II, with music, followed by a simple "coffee hour."

Please fill out the Parish Poll for Re-gathering:

Parish Poll: How shall we regather? Please click on the link below for a short five minute poll to help the Vestry and Staff best plan for our regathering this summer!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_vSE4pccWJAuZbRTcdipVTx2zr0-nkqjpm4wwXNvfXHAnQ/viewform

Sunday, June 13, is our Parish Picnic

The Parish Life Committee is happy to announce plans for a parish picnic on Sunday, June 13. We ask everyone to bring their own picnic lunch and a blanket or chairs and we will supply bottled drinks, water and dessert. We will begin with a short service of Holy Eucharist on the patio at 11:00am, then relax and eat before indulging in activities and games for all ages and energy levels. (Relaxing and getting reacquainted with fellow parishioners is also encouraged.) So save the date--June 13th-- and let's welcome the summer of 2021 with the joy of being together again!

Small Informal Gatherings hosted by Vestry Members coming this Summer

To celebrate being able to regather in person, the vestry is delighted to host a series of small gatherings for parishioners over the coming months. The plan is to offer three small gatherings of about 20 people each month, hosted by a different vestry member. The specifics of each gathering will be announced one month

at a time, and parishioners will be invited to use SignUp Genius to sign up on a first come, first served basis. In order that as many people as possible can participate, we ask that you sign up for just one event.

Here are the events planned for the month of June:

- Thursday, June 10th from 5-7 pm –Outdoor/Indoor Cocktail/Mocktail Party hosted by Madeline Liddicoat
- Saturday, June 19th at 7 pm – a Patio Cocktail/Mocktail and S’mores party hosted by Sonja Tilley
- Friday, June 25th –Happy Hour from 4-6 pm hosted by Vera & Jim Shanley, outdoor if possible.

Be on the lookout for an email from SignUp Genius providing further details and inviting you to sign up to attend a gathering.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Matthew's will be helping to build another house in Hillsborough this summer. We currently are signed up for two more dates in June (the 12th, and 26th). If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Ellen McRae at mcraeke@aol.com or 919-630-0587.

Re-Entry House Welcome Meal Train

As the ReEntry House opens here in Hillsborough, Pastor Merrill from Hillsborough Methodist Church is organizing a Meal Train for our new neighbors as they move in, as a way to welcome them. We are hoping to provide dinners (a main and side dish) for three people for the whole month of June. The plan is to bring these meals by on the Saturday before, premade and ready to be cooked/heated/sembled as we help our new neighbors get settled.

The plan is:

- Folks signup for however many meals they can provide per week.
- Meals would be dropped off between 11:00am and 2:00pm on the Saturday before, prepped and ready to be cooked/reheated throughout the week. Before delivering, folks would need to give Tommy Green or William Elmore a call, just to make sure someone is at the house to receive them.
- The house is off Carolina Loop, just out 70 toward Durham, so it is fairly convenient for folks to get there.

All the details, contact information, and location are in the signup. Thank you for any help you can give. The mission of Reentry House Plus (a nonprofit organization) is to assist formerly incarcerated people to reintegrate back into the community as healthy, productive citizens. The organization believes in second chances and is committed to doing their part to ensure that people receive the support, skills, and encouragement they need to rebuild their lives.

Here is the signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D48ACAC22A5FC1-reentry>

Orange Congregations In Mission

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. Thank you for helping us reach our May goal of 175 cans.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, Joseph Riddick, Mimi Games, Betty Wolfe, David Arcus, Robin Arcus, Carol Parrent, Becky Horne, and Janice Stratton.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, Naomi Swainey, Maggie Malone, Benny Whitted, and John Hougom.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.