

MORNING PRAYER

PENTECOST 4

JUNE 20, 2021

PRELUDE: SING JOYFULLY (WILLIAM BYRD)

Sing joyfully to God our strength; sing loud unto the God of Jacob!
Take the song, bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp, and the viol.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and at our feast day.
For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

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 JOB 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements-- surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?-- when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- ² ***Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.***
- ³ He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ²³ ***Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;***
- ²⁴ They beheld the works of the LORD *
and his wonders in the deep.
- ²⁵ ***Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.***
- ²⁶ They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- ²⁷ ***They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.***
- ²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- ²⁹ ***He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.***
- ³⁰ Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- ³¹ ***Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.***
- ³² Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #200 (LEVAS): WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE ARE RAGING

A READING FROM MARK 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Lisa Frost-Phillips+

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*

SUFFRAGES B

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 Trinity Church, Mount Airy; St. Cyprian's, Oxford; and St. Stephen's, Oxford. 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 Re-Entry House and their work in our community. Free us, we pray, from fears of difference that divide and wound us. Move us to dismantle our attitudes and systems of prejudice. In our life together, grant us minds and hearts eager to learn, reluctant to judge, and responsive to the leading of your loving Spirit.

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, Janice, Christine, and William. 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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #699: JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

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 (6/20): Pentecost 4

Worship and Formation

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

Monday (6/21)

- **Archives & History**: 10:00am; **registration form required**
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom); 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (6/22):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Staff Meeting** (Meeting Zoom); 11:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (6/23):

- **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 (6/24)

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

Friday (6/25)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Vestry Small Gathering Hosted by Vera Shanley; 4:00pm (sign up required)**
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Saturday (6/26)

- **Habitat for Humanity Workday**

Sunday (6/27): Pentecost 5

Worship and Formation

- **In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (church); 8:00am registration form required
- **In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (church); 10:30am registration form required; AND
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 10:30am

**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
- We are offering Sunday morning 8:00am services in the church: Eucharist, Rite II, with music, followed by a simple "coffee hour."
- Starting next Sunday, June 27 we will offer a second in-person beginning at 10:30am service. We are working on trying to link this service into the Zoom service so it would be a combination streaming and zoom.
- We will be following masking and social distancing protocols.

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

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 is the remaining event planned for June:

- Friday, June 25th –Happy Hour from 4-6 pm hosted by Vera & Jim Shanley; We welcome all those who are fully vaccinated. Wine and soft drinks provided. Would welcome appetizer offerings from guests. Outside if weather permits. We will be excited to see you!”

Here is the SignUp Genius with more details and the sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e44aca82da7f58-small>.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Matthew's will be helping to build another house in Hillsborough this summer. We currently are signed up for one more date in June (the 26th). If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Ellen McRae at mcrake@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/assembled 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>

New Books in the Library

A section of the library in the Graebner Room will be dedicated to materials relevant to racial justice. We now have: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler, *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin, *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, *Proud Shoes* by Pauli Murray, *Reconstructing the Gospel* by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby, *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman, *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein, and *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson, as well as a few others. You are welcome to sign these books out, read them at your leisure, and then return them.

Safe Haven Support for Caregivers

Caring for others is becoming necessary for families and friends. Whether loved ones are physically, mentally, or emotionally in need of care, at home or in a facility, because they cannot live on their own, the health of those responsible for them is at risk. We noticed that the Pandemic increased the isolation and concerns for caregivers. We believe this ministry will bring nonjudgmental encouragement, reduce the isolation, and provide emotionally healthy relationships within a safe and confidential space to encourage trust. As a community of Christians, we offer this ministry to our parish that will be defined to meet the needs of caregivers in an appropriate way through:

- Offering information and hypothetical situations to inspire authentic, open conversation
- Provide resources as requested from the larger community
- Regular gatherings on Zoom and /or in person when the time is right

Re. Para Drake (MDiv, ThM, BCCC, CPC) and David McDuffie (DMin) and members of the Pastoral Care Team are organizing this group and will be facilitating the meetings. First and foremost, they are committed to providing a safe, confidential space to hear your stories, to listen and respond to your needs and those expressed by the group

You are invited to sign up to “come and see” as together we organized this ministry. Your responses and participation are confidential. We are looking for six people to sign up so we can set up the initial meeting. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact one of us:

- Para: chaplaindrake@gmail.com; 919-698-8575
- David: dcmcduffie@gmail.com; 705-540-4385

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. So far we have received 105 cans; 70 to go to meet our monthly goal of 175.

Pride Month

You might have noticed that the town of Hillsborough is flying Pride Flags throughout the town for Pride Month. The belief that everyone is a child of God runs deep in our faith and we express it when we affirm the tenets in the Baptismal Covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons . . . to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.”—Robert Fruehwirth+

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, Janice Stratton, Christine Estes, and William Parker.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: 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, Joe Barnes, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, Maggie Malone, Benny Whitted, John Hougom, and Jayne Jackson.

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