

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer Rite II

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Hymn 372

"Praise to the living God!"

Leoni

Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same. The one eternal God ere aught that now appears: the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness; holy, no holiness of earth can his express. Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise, and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will: in prophet's word he spoke of old; he speaketh still. Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul; his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll. Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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

BCP 79 • The Confession of Sin

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.

BCP 80 • The Absolution

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.

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80 • Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: 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.

Hymn 377 Jubilate

"All People that on earth do dwell"

Old Hundredth

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.*

*Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen*

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 Spoken

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Gloria Patri

The Lessons

The First Lesson Genesis 28:10-19a

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 Song of Zechariah (metrical); sung by all

Morning Light

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.**

**The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.**

**He from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.**

**On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior, with songs that never cease.**

**All Glory to the Father and Glory to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.**

The Second Lesson Romans 8:12-25

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 7 Te Deum laudamus (metrical); sung by all

St. Anne

**O God, we praise thee, and confess that thou the only Lord
and everlasting Father art, by all the earth adored.**

**To thee all angels cry aloud; to thee the pow'rs on high,
both cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry:**

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, whom heav'nly hosts obey,
the world is with the glory filled of thy majestic sway!**

**The apostles' glorious company, and prophets crowned with light
with all the martyrs' noble host, thy constant praise recite.**

**The holy Church in faith acclaims the Son who for us died,
also the Holy Comforter, our advocate and guide.**

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

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!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily The Rev. Paul Bennett

Announcements

BCP 96 • 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

BCP 97 • The Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 97 • The Lord's Prayer Traditional

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.

BCP 97 • Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of 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.

Office Anthem

"Then Shall the Righteous Shine" from *Elijah*

Mendelssohn

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their heads shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

Dr. Stanley E. Workman, Jr., tenor

BCP 101 • The General Thanksgiving

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 our selves 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.

BCP 102 • A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BCP 102 • The Dismissal and Grace

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 290 vv. 2-4

"All the world is God's own field"

St. George's, Windsor

*All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.*