

MATINS: 6th Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2020

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In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG: LH 772 Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come;
O hear my humble prayer!
Stoop down and make my heart your home,
and shed your blessing there.

Your light, your love impart,
and let it ever be
a holy, humble, happy heart,
your dwelling place in me.

Let your rich grace increase
through all my earthly days
the fruits of righteousness and peace
to your eternal praise.

Dorothy Ann Thrupp 1779-1847, alt.

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will tell of your praise.

O God, deliver me.

O Lord, be quick to help me.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forevermore. Amen.
Hallelujah!

SENTENCE OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,
For he is our maker.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

O come, let us sing to the **Lord**,
 let us shout aloud to the rock of **our** salvation.
 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
 let us shout aloud to **Him** with songs of praise.
 For the Lord is a great **God**,
 and a great King **above** all gods.
 In his hands are the depths of the **earth**;
 the heights of the mountains are **His** also.
 The sea is his, for he **made** it,
 and his hands **formed** the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and bow **down**,
 let us kneel before the **Lord**, our maker.
 For he is our **God**,
 and we are the people of his pasture, *and the **sheep** in his care.
 Glory to the Father and the **Son**
 and the **Holy** Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is **now**,
 and will be for **evermore**. Amen.
 O come, let us worship the Lord, for he is our maker.

PSALM 65: 9-13 Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

Antiphon: Your paths over flow, over flow with plenty.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
 you make it very plenteous;

You prepare the grain,
 For so you provide for the earth.
 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
 With heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

Antiphon: Your paths over flow, over flow with plenty.

You crown the year with your goodness,
 and you paths overflow with plenty.
 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
 let them shout for joy and sing.

Antiphon: Your paths over flow, over flow with plenty.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever more,
 Amen.

Antiphon: Your paths over flow, over flow with plenty.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-13 God's word will succeed

For 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.

After the first reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:1-11 You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

After the second reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The parable of the sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 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.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

This is the word of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
 Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,
that I may walk in your truth.
 Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

CHOIR ANTHEM: If ye love me - *Thomas Tallis*.

John 14:15–17
 “If ye love me,
 keep my commandments,
 and I will pray the Father,
 and he shall give you another comforter,
 that he may 'bide with you forever,
 e'en the spirit of truth.”

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 221 Spread, O spread

1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word,
 Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
 Wheresoe'er His breath has given
 Life to beings meant for heaven.

2 Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world, and keeps it still;
How His only Son He gave,
Man from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who for ever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.

4 Tell them of the Spirit given
Now to guide us up to heaven,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

5 Up! the ripening fields ye see,
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee,
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light, and learn Thy fear.

*Walte, walte nah und fern
Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmeister (1774-1841)
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.*

SERMON - Pastor Joshua Pfeiffer

At the conclusion of the sermon:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts and minds
safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

HYMN 774 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high:
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship
for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church's ministry;
quickening, strengthening and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age, and soul to soul,
in a fellowship unending:
You we worship and extol.

*Timothy Rees 1874-1939, alt.
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CANTICLE

Let us praise the Lord, the / God of / Israel,
 For he has / come • and re / deemed his / people.
 He has raised up a mighty / Saviour • for / us
 From the / house of • his / servant / David,
 As he promised / long a / go:
 - / Through his / holy / prophets,
 That he would / save us from • our / enemies:
 From the / power of / all who / hate us.
 He promised to show / mercy to • our / fathers,
 and to re / member • his / holy / covenant,
 The / oath • which he / swore:
 / - • to our / father / Abraham,
 To rescue us from the / power of • our / enemies,
 So that we might worship the / Lord with / out / fear,
 Holy and / righteous in • his / sight:
 - / All the / days of • our / life.
 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the / Most / High:
 For you will go before the / Lord • to pre / pare his / way,
 to give the knowledge of sal / vation to • his / people:
 By the for / giveness / of their / sins.
 Through the tender / mercy of • our / God,
 the day of sal / vation • will / dawn on us • from / heaven,
 To shine on those who live in darkness * and the / shadow • of /
 death:
 To guide our / feet into • the / way of / peace.
 Glory to the Father / and the / Son:
 - / And the / Holy / Spirit,
 As it was in the be / ginning • is / now:
 And will be for / ever / more. A / men.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come 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**

***or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'**

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)

Let us pray

Almighty and merciful God, you have planted in us the seed of your word. Help us by your Holy Spirit to receive it with joy and live according to it, so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all your goodness and grace. Thank you especially for sowing your word in our hearts. In your grace, help this word to grow and produce fruit that will nourish our neighbour and glorify you. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Assist your holy church throughout the world to sow the good news lavishly to all people. Bless pastors, teachers, and all Christians to speak the word in their vocations. We pray for Lutheran Media Ministry, that their work of proclaiming the Good News about your Son through modern technology will be met with open ears and hearts. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless and prosper our land with all that is good and true. We give you thanks for giving us our daily bread by means of all who work the land. Bless farmers, orchardists, viticulturists, market gardeners and all who till the soil, that they may see their work as service to their neighbour. In your mercy provide them with favourable weather conditions so that they may have a plentiful harvest. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Give to all our leaders wisdom and honesty. Move the wealthy and powerful to contribute generously to the betterment of our society. Help all citizens to work for the common good and provide help for all who are needy. Bring refugees to a place they can call home. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Graciously help and heal all whom we know are sick in mind, body and spirit – and in particular we commend to you those we name in our hearts. Assure them of your love for them in Christ, and help them to glorify your name in sickness and in health. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the gift of your word. Let your word take root in our hearts. We ask you to listen in mercy to the prayers of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR GRACE

I am filled with your praise,
and proclaim your glory all day long.

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Protect us today with your mighty power; let us fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger. But guide us in all things, so that we may always do what is right. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN 515 On what has now been sown

1 On what has now been sown,
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The power is Thine alone
To make it spring and grow.
Do Thou the gracious harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise.

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our powers;
Accept what is Thine own,
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us
Who meet before Thee here,
May meet together thus,
When Thou and Thine appear,
And follow Thee to heaven our home.
E'en so, Amen, Lord Jesus, come!

John Newton (1725-1807)

LET US BLESS

Let us bless the Lord.
God be praised forevermore.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with † you* all. **Amen.**