
The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 13, 2021 ~ Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

Opening Acclamation:

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Hymn of Praise: #1 "Praise to the Lord" (vs.3)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Collect of 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.*

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.**
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.**
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;**
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before

the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Brief Reflection

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives.

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays and for those celebrating anniversaries this week that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Paul's, Norwalk; Christ Episcopal, Norwich; Students of all ages who are graduating

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray for those who have requested our prayers, especially for Carla Pomprowicz, Francine Bloch, Rob Mangiafico's father Louis Mangiafico; Lois Roy; also for: Sandra Whalen

and Thomas Murray; JoAnne Jones; Marcelo Orellana, Patricia Angelou, Tom Foote, Daryl, Cheri Phelps, Scott Goodrich, Irene Jones, Celeste Moore, Nelson Moore; and for those who are listed on the bulletin insert.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Ian and Laura, for our priest Ron, and our deacon Donna and all priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, especially Ken Kraemer and Debbie Davis, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends and neighbors, that they may be comforted by those who love them, remembering especially Judi Babin and Ellen & Curt Kraemer and their families. Let them discover Your love through the care and support of others.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

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

The Confession

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn #615 “Thy kingdom come! on bended knee”

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus: S-128 Holy, holy, holy Lord

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion (The ushers will lead you out of your pews starting from the back center aisle).

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #525 “The Church’s one foundation”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Postlude

