St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6, 2021 ~ Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #47 "On this day, the first of days"

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)

Collect of 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*.

The First Lesson: 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."

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

The Psalm: Psalm 130

- 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, *

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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.

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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.

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 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples 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." 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 this week: Chris Robson (6/8), Steve Platz (6/9), Louis Amara (6/12) and for those celebrating anniversaries 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 Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven; St. Andrew's, Northford; Christ Church, Norwalk, Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community.

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 Rob Mangiafico's father Louis Mangiafico and Lois Roy the sexton at Holy Family; also: Louis Schluntz, 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 Curt Kraemer's brother Ken Kraemer and Judi Babin's sister 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 #620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

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 BCP, page 364

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: #621 "Light's abode, celestial Salem"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Postlude