



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

June 13, 2021 Third Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 am Morning Prayer

## Opening Hymn \_\_\_\_\_ *I love thy kingdom, Lord (v. 1, 3, 5)*

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a-bode, the  
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817) Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## Opening Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

*Psalms 43:3*

## Confession of Sin \_\_\_\_\_

*The Officiant says to the people,*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*  
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.

*The Priest says,*  
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.

## The Invitatory and Psalter \_\_\_\_\_

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People,*  
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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

## Venite \_\_\_\_\_ *Psalm 95:1-7*

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 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.  
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**

**The First Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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.**

**Canticle 11** \_\_\_\_\_ **The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

]The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *2 Corinthians 5:6-10, {11-13}, 14-17*

A Reading from The Second Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] 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.**

**Canticle A** \_\_\_\_\_ *A Song of Wisdom*

*Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21*

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \* a holy people and a blameless race.  
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \* withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.  
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \* and led them by a marvelous way;  
She was their shelter by day \* and a blaze of stars by night.  
She brought them across the Red Sea, \* she led them through mighty waters;  
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \*  
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.  
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \* and praised with one voice your  
protecting hand;

For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \*  
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

**Third Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Mark 4:26-34*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

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.

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

**The Sermon** \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Tracie Little

**Song of Reflection** \_\_\_\_\_ *On Eagle's Wings, Joncas*

**The Apostles' Creed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Officiant and People say together,*  
**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

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*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People,*  
**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.**  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and for ever. Amen.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R.** Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
**V.** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R.** And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **The 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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People** \_\_\_\_\_

Let us pray.

Gracious God, open our ears to hear your word. Open our hearts to receive it and transform us. Make your Church the fertile ground in which your love can grow.

**In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give leaders everywhere a heart for their people and the commitment to the common good. Cultivate in each of us seeds of peace and justice.

**In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for those who suffer from any ailment, or isolation, or want. We pray for a peaceful end for those who will die today. And comfort for those who mourn. Sow in all of us seeds of compassion. Those for whom we pray today: ...

**In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen your image in our lives that we may reflect your goodness, your righteousness, your kingdom in all that we say or do.

**In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **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.**

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.**

## The Blessing \_\_\_\_\_

May you be an explorer,  
May you recover delight and wonder and curiosity  
About your faith,  
About God,  
And about the story with which  
You will continue to wrestle.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Announcements \_\_\_\_\_

## Sending Out \_\_\_\_\_

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