



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

July 4, 2021 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 am Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn \_\_\_\_\_ *Love divine all loves excelling (v.1, 2)*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - mighty to de - liv - er, let us all thy

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## 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 earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate** ----- *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**The Psalm** ----- *Psalm 123*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

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 2:1-5*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 4 \_\_\_\_\_ *A Song of Penitence*

*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
  God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
  and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
  with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
  they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
  it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
  long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
  you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
  that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
  and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
  and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
  Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
  nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

**The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**Canticle 19** \_\_\_\_\_ **The Song of the Redeemed**  
*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

**Third Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Mark 6:1-13*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**The Sermon** \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Mike Marincio

**Song of Reflection** \_\_\_\_\_ *Morning Has Broken, Hustad*

**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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Let us pray.

Blessed Creator, you have filled the world with beauty and our lives with precious freedom. Grant us a spirit of gratitude for all that we have in this nation. Keep us mindful of those whose lives are challenged and limited by oppression and poverty.

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

You have claimed us for yourself and brought us close to your heart. Let your people rise to sing your praise as they align themselves with your mission. Keep us mindful of those whose hearts yearn for you and for those who are persecuted around the world in your name.

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

We thank you for bodies and minds, for friendships that nurture and challenge us. Keep us mindful of those who live in pain or fear or isolation. Strengthen our resolve to bring your love into their lives, to surround them with compassion.

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

We give thanks for those we have known and loved, and who now are in your eternal embrace. Keep us mindful of those who are dying and keep alive the lessons of love we have learned from them.

**Lord, in your mercy, 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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