

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

The Liturgy of the Word

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

A Song of Praise *Canticle 13*

One Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears; *
All **you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

One God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Lesson *Isaiah 6:1-8*

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

One 1 Ascribe to God, you gods, *

All **ascribe to God glory and strength.**

2 Ascribe to God the glory due the Name; *

worship God in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

God is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *

the voice of God is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *

God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;

the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *

God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of God *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 God sits enthroned above the flood; *
God sits enthroned as ruler for evermore.

11 God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The Gospel *John 3:1-17*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Slenski

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Ormonde Plater, adapted

Deacon As children of God, led by the Spirit, let us pray for the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world.

One For peace from on high and for our salvation.

All **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God,
especially La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico,
our companion dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
St. John's, Mt. Vernon,
our 7th Street church neighbors,
and for the unity of all.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence,
and fear of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For bishops, priests, and deacons, and all who minister in Christ,
and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Joanna Benskin, to be ordained to the priesthood next Saturday.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners,
the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who have asked our prayers:

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Robin Rolt, Megan Price,
Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, John Bonner, Martha Hafner,
Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Kay Griswold,
David Mier, Patrick Murphy, Dave Thomas, John Newlin,
Steve Hoyt, Jhansi Ghogle, Grace Daniel, Jonan Daniel,
Jordan Daniel, Jimmy McKellar, Jerry Stephens, and Lorna Priddy.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love:

those celebrating birthdays, especially Megan Allen (5/30), Bill Denton (5/30),
Deborah Nearpass (6/3), and Arlo Krasenstein (6/4),
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries, especially Zachary Willis (6/1),
David Mier (6/2), and Mary Ruth Mier (6/2),
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries, especially Susan Pflieger (6/1),
Donna Thompson (6/1), and Sharon Woelfle (6/1).

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who so loved the world that you gave us your only Son. Hear the prayers we offer this day and lead us into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *(from "Enriching Our Worship")*

You may kneel or stand as you choose and are able

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Deacon God of all mercy,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer 1 from "Enriching Our Worship"*)

All stand as you are able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Whoever comes to me shall not hunger

All **and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Anthem during Communion

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324

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Postcommunion Prayer *(from “Enriching Our Worship”)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant God of abundance,

All

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant The Lord bless you and keep you.

All

Amen.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

Amen.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

the holy and undivided Trinity,

guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City,

where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All

Thanks be to God!

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