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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**  
**JUNE 13, 2021**

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**Prelude:** Reflection

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant:* Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. *Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, kneeling:*

**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 Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter** *(all stand)*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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.**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People:* **come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Venite: PSALM 95:1-7** *(spoken by the congregation)*

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!

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**PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14**

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*(the people read the verses in bold print)*

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.

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FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

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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.

**Response: Canticle 13** (*spoken by the congregation*)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will 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 will 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 will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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**SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17**

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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.

**Response: Canticle 21: You are God** (*spoken by the congregation*)

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

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**GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34**

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** *offered by Rob Kavash*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

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.

## Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

We hold in our prayers those who are on our parish list: Melody Cannon, Wendy Day, Sherry Eichert, Logan Holland, Bob Juskelis, and Tony Lawson. And we continue to pray for those who have died from COVID-19 this week. I invite your intercessions either silently or aloud.

*If you are watching from home, you may also type them in the chat box.*

*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.**

*A Collect for Grace:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Officiant concludes with a Collect for Mission.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### **The Birthday Prayer:**

*Those celebrating birthdays this week: Addison Leo, Dennis McConomy*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving** *(said by the officiant and the people)*

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 ourselves 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.**



**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** *(said by the officiant)*

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.**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

**Closing Hymn: 615 Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee**

1. "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

2. But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

3. And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

4. the day to whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

5. when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad;  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS –

★ **Our Advent Book Group** has just finished reading Michael Curry's book [The Way of Love](#) and is on hiatus for a couple of weeks. Our next selection will be a book by Henri Nouwen. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful group of fellow Advent-ers, we meet from 3 – 4 pm on Thursdays and would love you to join us. Email Lynn Hade if you want to be a part of our next discussion group and she'll get you set up with an internet or phone connection.

★ **A Ministry to the Community** For nearly 20 years Advent has made our chapel available to those who want to spend time praying, resting or meditating surrounded by its beauty. We'd like to begin doing so again, now that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. If you would like to participate in this generous ministry to the community, please contact Gail Johnson to see how you can help. Gail can be reached at [gjohnson@jfactuarial.com](mailto:gjohnson@jfactuarial.com) or by calling him at 215-262-9044.

★ **Lynn's last day** with us will be on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to be here in person that day as we celebrate her ministry with us.

### **Ministers of the Service**

Officiant: Lyn Werner    Preacher: Rob Kavash

Readers: Maureen Roberts, Beverly Harvey, Henrietta Kiel

Musician: Barbara Johnson

Tech Support: Evan Dippre, Drew Dippre

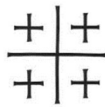
Altar Guild: Janet Gilman, Aylis Wolf

**Today's altar flowers are given in memory of the loved ones  
of George and Aylis Wolf.**

The altar candles for the month of June are given in loving memory of **Ruth Dorothy Griffin Iacullo & James C. Iacullo, Sr.** given by Jim Iacullo.

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