

Order of Service, 3 July 2022 Trinity Sunday, the 4th Sunday after Pentecost

10 am Holy Communion, Bishop + John Thornton, Presiding

Prelude

Opening Hymn #719 – "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant and People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity: *Let us pray together*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria (let us sing together) BCP #278

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together the Collect of the Day

The Collect for Today:

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Scriptures

A Reading from the Hebrew scriptures comes from the Book of Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

- ¹I will exalt you, O God my <u>King</u>, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I <u>bless you</u> * and praise your Name for ever and <u>ever</u>.
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be <u>praised</u>; * there is no end to his <u>greatness</u>.
- ⁴One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your <u>majesty</u> * and all your marvelous <u>works</u>.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous <u>acts</u>, * and I will tell of your <u>greatness</u>.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹ (Second half of chant) The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

Second Lesson from the Letter to the Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Gospel Hymn #707 - "Take My Life and Let it Be"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 5:43-48

• Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

Bishop +John Thornton

The Beatitudes - Let us affirm our faith in these words of the teaching of Jesus: (Matt 5: 1-12) **Responsively:** Presider and **Congregation**

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Thanksgiving for National Life (BCP 838)

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.

They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People - Form III, p. 387 BCP

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation 'Doxology with Alleluias' (sing to the tune of hymn 618)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Continue with Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

PresiderThe Lord be with YouPeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People (sing SANCTUS to the tune S. 130 in the front of the Blue Hymnal)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant lays a hand upon it;

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People say together:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mary and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the

firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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 forever, Amen Amen

The Breaking of the Bread: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Invitation: 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.

After Communion, the Presider says, Let us pray together

Presider and People pray in Unison

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries (see inside front cover of red prayer book) **Announcements**

Closing Hymn #716 - "God Bless Our Native Land"

Dismissal Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude