

Order of Service July 11, 2021 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR



**Opening Hymn 436**

*'Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates'*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
    behold, the King of glory waits;  
    the King of kings is drawing near;  
    the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
    make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
    let us thy inner presence feel;  
    thy grace and love in us reveal.

4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
    eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

**Greetings**

**Acclimation**

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** *(sung)*

Glory to God in the highest,  
    and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
    we worship you, we give you thanks,  
    we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

**Collect** (*please say together*)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson - A Reading from 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19**

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

**Psalm 24**

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? " \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

### **Gospel Hymn 372**

### ***'Praise to the living God'***

1 Praise to the living God!  
All praised be the Name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
is still the same;  
the one eternal God,  
ere all that now appears,  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought  
through timeless years!

2 God's spirit flowing free,  
high surging where it will—  
in prophet's word it spoke of old—  
is speaking still.  
Established is God's law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart,  
on sea, or land.

3 God plants eternal life  
within the human soul.  
God's love shall be our strength and stay,  
while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God!

All praised be the Name,  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
is still the same!

**A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 6:14-29**

- Glory to you Lord Christ

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**Homily**      "Love served up on a silver platter"      **S. Kay Young**

Today's Gospel reading is the only reading in Mark in which Jesus is NOT a character. Fittingly enough it does not contain Good News; if you are looking for it, rest. It's not here. Poor John the Baptist was in chapter 1, and then was arrested. Today's reading sounds like, "meanwhile, back at the ranch," but it's actually a flashback. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the great, (who slaughtered the babies when he first heard of Jesus) has heard of Jesus and is afraid that this is John the Baptist come back to life.

Last week we saw the commissioning of the apostles. They apparently did a good job of spreading the Good News; Herod has heard of Jesus and is terrified that this is John the Baptist come back to life.

Today we see a miserable life without Jesus. Herod relives his fancy birthday party, by all accounts a lavish affair. He remembers how his wife, Herodias, hated John. Herodias had found her opportunity to exact her revenge, John had told the truth about her betrayal of Herod's brother, yet Herod would not kill him. So she brought her own daughter, Salome, to beguile Herod in front of his powerful ambitious friends. The girl then took her mother's counsel to tell her what to demand.

John's story foreshadows Jesus's fate. Their ministries were seen as intertwined by the powers that be; both declared that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Both paid dearly, with their lives. Followers of each took them to the tomb.

There's a warning. God's people are not immune to trouble. Be strong; discipleship comes with a cost; but the love of God is beyond price!

The contrasting worlds cannot be drawn more clearly. In Herod's world, power and wealth is everything. He would not do what was right; he had to save face. What a pusillanimous coward! Power does not equal strength. Herod's feast ends in death.

Jesus shows us all a vision of the world built on miracles. People are valued for being who they are: Children of God. There is healing of the sick and feeding of the poor. Jesus is, in fact, the Bread of Life. Christ's feast does not end it is life giving.

### **The Nicene Creed**

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.**

**Prayers of the People are a Special Litany for Reconciliation and Healing for our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters** from the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, Canada  
<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Litany-for-Healing-and-Restoration.pdf>

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,  
*Have mercy on us.*

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,  
*Savior, forgive and heal us.*

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,  
*Savior, forgive and heal us.*

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,  
*Savior, forgive and heal us.*

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,  
*Savior, forgive and heal us.*

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,  
*Savior, forgive and heal us.*

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one.

***Amen.***

**Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

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.***

**Absolution**

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.***

**Lord's Prayer (sing)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as 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.**

### **Prayer for St. Martin's**

God of Love,  
open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work  
in creation, the church, and our parish.  
Fill our hearts with your love  
that we may reach out in love to others.  
Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit  
that we may find new ways to live into life with you.  
Give us a vision of your mission  
that we may share your love and your spirit  
in all the places where we work and play and worship you.  
In Jesus' holy name, **Amen.**

### **The Peace** (please stay in your pew)

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- *And also with you.*

### **Blessings**

#### **Closing Hymn 495**      *'Hail thou once despised Jesus'*

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us, thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merits we find favor, life is given through thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins were on thee laid;  
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.  
All thy people are forgiven, thro' the virtue of thy blood;  
opened is the gate of heaven, peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;  
all the heav'nly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.  
There for sinners thou art pleading, there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing, thou art worthy to receive;  
loudest praises, without ceasing, meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Immanuel's praise.

**Dismissal**      **Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of Jesus,  
Alleluia, Alleluia**  
*Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*