



June 14, 2020

Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Come to His Calling

Opening Sentence

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever

Hymn 516 Come down O Love divine (words are displayed in the video)

The Collect

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.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was

listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The New Testament: **Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Hymn 528 Lord, you give the great commission (words are displayed in the video)

The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld

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 and Confession of Sin

You are welcome to add any prayer requests in the "chat" function on Zoom during the silence between intercessions.

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and our loved ones and neighbors.

God our Creator, we pray in thanksgiving for the beauty of the earth, for the love among us in our church, and for the joys of family and friends. We pray now for all those things for which we are thankful, either silently or aloud. God we are thankful for....

Pause for people to share silently or by typing in the chat

God our Redeemer, we pray for the church, and for our ability to bring your healing and peace into an unquiet world. And we pray for our world, for the leaders of the nations and all in authority. We pray for those crying out for justice or compassion, and we pray for your guidance in doing your good work in a world in need of courage. Pray for the church and the world, either silently or aloud.

Pause for people to share silently or by typing in the chat

God our Sustainer, We pray for all those who are sick or suffering in any way. For those who are homebound or hospitalized. Those who struggle with addiction or live with abuse. Those who suffer from chronic illness or pain. Those who are troubled, anxious or depressed. Pray for all those in need of God's healing, either silently or aloud.

Pause for people to share silently or by typing in the chat

Holy Trinity, one God, we pray for all those who we love and see no longer. We pray especially for all those around the world who have died in this pandemic and for all those who grieve their loss. Pray for those who have died

Pause for people to share silently or by typing in the chat

Merciful God, we pray, finally, for the forgiveness of our sins, for things we have done, things we have neglected to do, and perhaps most of all, those sins we commit without even being aware of doing so. We pray that your healing love fills our hearts and our families and our communities, that we can be bound together in your forgiveness and our forgiveness of one another.

After a period of silence, the bishop concludes with a final collect that includes words of absolution.

Bishop: Let us pray.

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Forgive and revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God: *a new collect composed by a team of Lutherans and Episcopalians - we are asked to pray this collect every Sunday through the first Sunday in September*

The Peace

Offertory Sentence:

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

Dedication of Our Gifts: *Thank you for your important ongoing financial support for your congregations as well as for your ministry to your neighbors and communities. All these gifts offered in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, You appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. - Ilia Delio, OSF (adapted)

Hymn 686 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (words are displayed in the video)

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Worship today is provided in collaboration with the Rev. Teresa Gocha and the people of Church of the Messiah in North Woodstock, with gratitude for their ministry.

Participants

Bishop Rob Hirschfeld, Presiding

Lectors:

First Lesson: Ruth Balmer

Psalm: Dennis and Karen Rosolen

Second Lesson: Dennis Roselen

Gospeler: the Rev. Teresa Gocha

Prayers of the People: the Rev. Teresa Gosha and Canon Tina Pickering

Music: Andrew Pollard