CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 14, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Sweet, sweet spirit" Doris Akers (1922-1995)

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The People stand as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.
People: **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 People may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 19:2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 100 *Jubilate Deo*

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL MUSIC

"Lord, I want to be a Christian" Traditional Spiritual

The People stand as able.

THE GOSPEL — Matthew 9:35-10:8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON — The Rev'd Emmanuel Mercer, *Rector*

The People stand as able.

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:
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting. His faithfulness endures from age to age. Help us to remain strong in our faith and love of you, Lord.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. James', Monkton, St. John's Western Run Parish and St. Mark's on the Hill, Pikesville. We are thankful for the leadership of our Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert. We pray for Father Manny and all his family, for Christie, our Parish Administrator, for Chris, our IT Guru and Adam, our Music Director. These dedicated individuals have helped us stay connected during this pandemic and helped us find peace and comfort during these trying times. We pray for Richard and James, our retired Rectors. We pray for Donald Trump, Larry Hogan and all governmental leaders making decisions in our lives. We ask you to guide them in their work. Guide us to have tolerance and respect to all individuals with differing political loyalties. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, and those you now name. We pray for all who have died at the hands of police sworn to protect them. We pray for police who are finding ways to serve and protect communities without prejudice or bias and without violence toward their communities. We pray for protestors who are putting their health and welfare at risk to stand up for a just cause. We pray for all who work in healthcare. May they be given strength, patience and exceptional skill to handle their especially hard and anxiety-filled jobs. We pray for all who are sick, especially George, Nell, Ashley, Bob, Wendy, Genelle, Jane, Eric, Alta, Pamela, Nick, Brayden, Emily, Dr Thomas Kramer, Chad, Brady, Aston. We are so grateful for loving family and friends, who give their time and attention to those who need their help. We so appreciate their dedication. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Help those who feel the heavy burden of the loss of a loved one. Help those who have experienced a loss of a job or a business. Help those who have suffered other losses like the pain of losing connections with others, a postponed or cancelled graduation or wedding, furloughs or layoffs, loss of swimming or camp, loss of communion and singing as we worship and so many other ways we may be suffering including the burden of wearing masks which makes all tasks so much harder. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Sarah laughed when you told her she would bear a son in her old age. After Isaac was born, Sarah thanked you for bringing laughter and joy to her. Help us to find joy and laughter in these hard days. Help us to appreciate the good and beautiful things and people in our lives and to find ways to celebrate. Help us to know that this suffering is not going to last always. We will have light in our lives and happiness if we hold on to each other and to our hope in you, Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors worshipping with us today. We are enriched by your presence. We hope that you seek out our parish in the future and participate in our ministries. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We give thanks for the wonderful youth in our congregation who shared so much of their time and talent with us during Youth Sunday and in so many other ways. We are also thankful for our caring and talented teachers of Sunday School and Youth Group leaders and celebrate their work with our young people this past year. **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We express our gratitude for the occasions of joy and gladness in our lives. Today we celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of Lura, Scott, Nichole, Steven, Ellen, Katherine, Alisa, Elizabeth, Marquis, Althea, Franklyn, Allen, Peter, Katie, Maria, Charlie, Christian, Nathaniel, Yetti, Eleanor, Adolphus, Andrew. We grow together as a community of faith. Send us out into the world in peace, Lord and with a song in our hearts. **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect, to which the People respond ***Amen****.*

The People stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord ***with a wave or nod*** *and then be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

…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:

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

Celebrant: 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.

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,

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

Celebrant: 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 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All: **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present**
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment
to receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Precious Lord, take my hand." attr. George Nelson Allen (1812-1871)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"It is well with my soul." Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

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and
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to Marquis and Greta Barnes

and
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to Tunji and Victoria Williams.

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