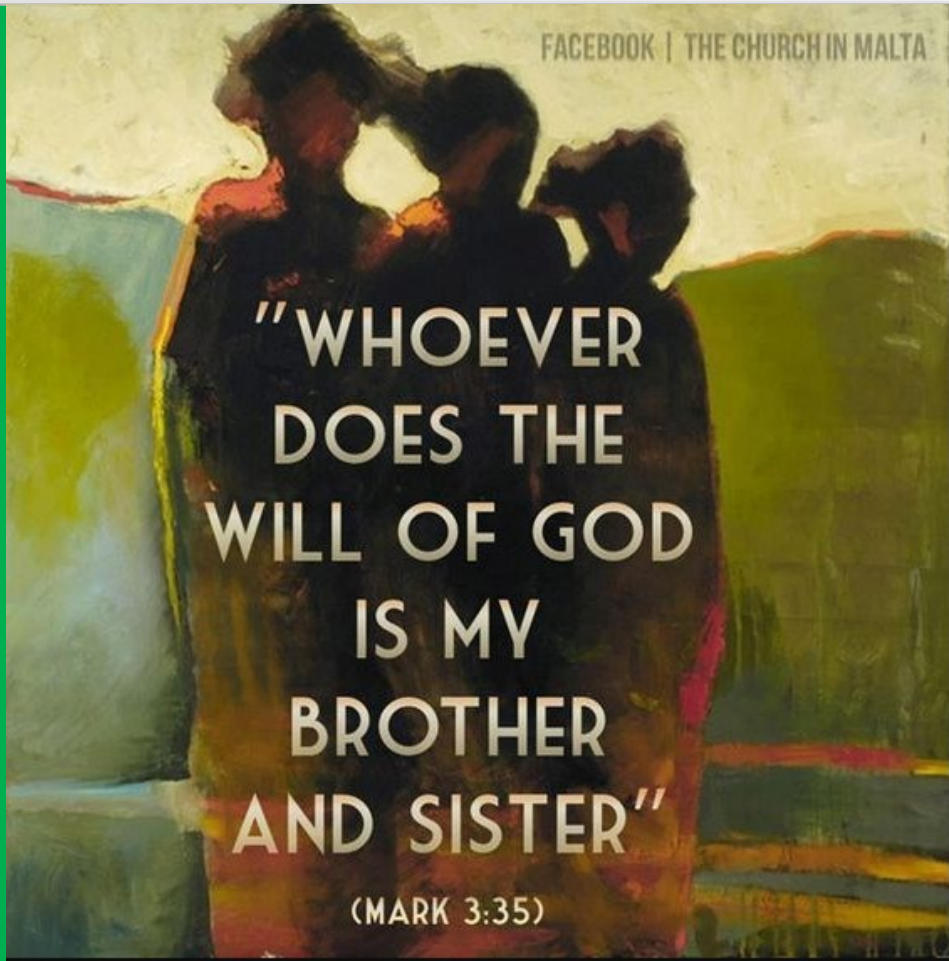


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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

Morning Prayer: Rite Two 9:30^{AM}

Our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other, in Christ. (BCP 855)

This morning we celebrate with an abridged service of Morning Prayer. This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold> are spoken by the congregation**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: #8

Morning has broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-**ing** has bro - ken like the first morn - **ing**,
 2 Sweet the rain's new - fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - **ing**

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall like on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - **ing**! Praise for the morn - **ing**!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - **ing**,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Silence

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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. Alleluia

PSALM 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name *
and your word above all things.

3 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

4 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though you are high, you care for the lowly; *
you perceive the haughty from afar.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.

8 O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; *
your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

ANTIPHON

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him. .

People: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

CANTICLE 21 TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 13: Benedictus es Domine

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.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHAINS 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Deacon Lynn Werdal

THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us; an offering and a sacrifice to God (*Ephesians 5:2*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Officiant and People

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: SET 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.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith.

We pray for our Nation may we work to build harmony.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi, Linda** Hill, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Hudson** Beauregard; **Ellie** Ruvo, **Steven** Schubert, **Martha** Thornley and **Shlomo** Teladano

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **John & Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Roberta** Darrigrand; **Jim, Marge, Joe** Smith, **Carolyn** Damiano, **Deanna** Ammirato and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato.

We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff** Daniele, **Andrew** Tom, **Rebecca, Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald, Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce, Paul** Ruvo, **Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore,** and **Jeff**.

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School**, and the American **Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**.

We pray for those who have died, especially the over 600,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

Officiant: 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** .

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and 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 our selves 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #219

This is the day

1. This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made.
2. This is the day.....that he rose again...
3. This is the day.....when the Spirit came....

DISMISSAL

Deacon:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!

People:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

STEWARDSHIP

Genesis 3:9-10; "...the Lord God called out to the man 'Where are you?' He answered, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'" Indeed, we are afraid when we are revealed, stripped of all our various masks. This is not God's desire for us, rather God created us to be unafraid, to bound into the presence of all that is holy and good. God's desire for us.

I invite you to be a fully revealed, fully realized wondrous creation, eager to share in the work of God's garden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: If you have a graduate in the family - high school or college - please be sure to email their name to Mother Mary so they can be included in our special prayers for graduates in June

CHAPPAQUA ORCHESTRA: You are invited to see the Chappaqua Orchestra perform. Location: Paramount Theater, Peekskill NY. Date: June 11. Time: 8:00PM. This is a private event with limited seating. Please RSVP to info@chappaquaorchestra.org or call 845-842-0010 by June 4th

BAPTISM: The beginning of our new life in Christ will be celebrated at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday September 12th, 2021. If you or your children are contemplating Baptism in the Episcopal Church, please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is a moment in time when we celebrate the beginning of our adult journey with Jesus Christ. The Church takes preparation for this transition in our lives seriously, requiring a lengthy period of study, discussion and action. Classes will begin September 14th, 2021 and are open to anyone 7th grade and above. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Hello all. The thrift shop is open Saturdays from 10-2. We are seeking volunteers for 2 hour shifts to help out our regular staff. Please consider helping out. We have had staff changes since Covid-19 and have a smaller pool to draw from. Here is a link to our updated [Sign Up Genius](#). Thank you, Linda Spione on behalf of the executive committee

TUESDAY NOON ZOOM PRAYERS & CHAT: Join us via ZOOM for a brief moment of calm in your all too hectic day.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: at 11am; ZOOM link sent out in This Week @ St. John's. We have begun Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Please join us.

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