

St. John's Worship Plan for Sunday, June 13, 2021  
Proper 6  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

*The following is said, all standing*

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

### 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 Lessons

### INTRODUCTION

The prophet uses a parable to warn Israel not to trust in any earthly ruler for protection. No matter how mighty a human power may appear, it is obedience to God alone that leads to salvation.

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM 92:1-4, 11-14**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>*To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;*  
<sup>3</sup>On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>*For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.*  
<sup>11</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>12</sup>*Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;*  
<sup>13</sup>They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;  
<sup>14</sup>*That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.*

## INTRODUCTION

Paul reflects on the challenge of living in a fallen world, and the importance of obeying God.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>6</sup>We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People           *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## INTRODUCTION

God sows his kingdom like the smallest of seeds, and works through the Church to bring them to full blossom.

### GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

*All stand.*

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.

People        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Curt Norman

### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

*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: FORM IV

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the St. John's family, we pray for Telah, Virginia, Emma, Ferris, William, Karen, Gloria, Susan, Bill, Mike, Al & Jane, Sharon, Ted, Ida, Linda, Sandy, and all our ministries: the Vestry, the altar guild, buildings and grounds, our children's, youth, and family, the choir, the Shared Ministry Development Team, the finance team, for Al, Amy, Kevin, Rev. Pam, and Fr. Curt.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Dick Mott and Lou Smith.

We pray for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week, especially Jane & Al Vondrasek.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and Skip our Assisting Bishop.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember today the Church of Nigeria.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, West Branch – Luke Stefanovsky, Sr. Warden.

From the Diocese of Western Michigan we pray for St. Peter's Seasonal Chapel, Lake Leelanau – James McLean, Chaplain, and Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg – Sisters Diane Stier and Linda-Susan Beard.

Locally we pray for our fellow Episcopalians at St. Matthew's and St. Paul's, as well as our partners with Interfaith Saginaw.

*The Celebrant adds the following Collects.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week we pray: watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week we pray: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. ***Amen.***

God of every aspect of our lives, help us to hear clearly what you are asking of us each day, whatever situation we find ourselves in. You are the God who calls us to stay where we are or to move at your bidding: to seek and speak courageously, sharing your love, defending the vulnerable and bringing dignity to those who have no voice. Help us to sense your presence, in perseverance and in hope, in those everyday places which can be continuously renewed by your grace. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***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.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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 PEACE

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA

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.***



## PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

## SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

## EPICLESIS

*The Celebrant 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 John 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

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

### INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

For those worshipping online who are not able to receive Holy Communion at this time, I invite you to pray with me:

*Jesus, my Lord and my God, Son of the living God and Son of the Virgin Mary: I believe that you are here and I adore you. Because you have said, "This is my Body," I believe that you are present here in the fullness of your humanity and divinity. With the angels of heaven and with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, I kneel in humble adoration. Jesus, my Lord, I adore you, O make me love you more and more. Amen.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

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