

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

June 11th, 2023

PRELUDE.....Ann Klein, Music Director

THE ANGELUS

The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.

The first three bells



V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.

The second three bells

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The third three bells

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelled among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The nine bells



V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION.....*God it was who said to Abraham*

1. God it was who said to A - bra - ham, "Pack your
 2. God it was who said to Mo - ses, "Save my
 3. God it was who said to Jo - seph, "Down your
 4. Christ it was who said to Mat - thew, "Leave your
 5. In this crowd of com - mon peo - ple, Once un -
 bags and trav - el on!" God it was who
 peo - ple, part the sea!" God it was who
 tools and take your wife!" God it was who
 books and fol - low me!" Christ it was who
 known, whom we re - vere, God calls us to
 said to Sar - ah, "Smile and soon you'll bear a
 said to Mir - i - am, "Sing and dance to show you're
 said to Mar - y, "In your womb I'll start my
 said to Mar - tha, "Lis - ten first, then make the
 share his pur - pose Start - ing now and start - ing
 son!" Trav - 'ling folk and a - ged moth - ers Wan - d'ring
 free!" Shep - herd - saints and tam - bou - rin - ists Do - ing
 life!" Car - pen - ter and coun - try maid - en Leav - ing
 tea!" Civ - il ser - vants and house - keep - ers, Chang - ing
 here. So we cel - e - brate his call - ing, So we
 when they thought they'd done— This is how God
 what he knew they could— This is how God
 town and trade and skills— This is how God
 plac - es at a cost— This is how Christ
 prize and praise his choice, As we pray that
 calls his peo - ple, Los - ing all be - cause of One.
 calls his peo - ple, Lib - er - at - ing what they should.
 calls his peo - ple, Mov - ing them through what he wills.
 calls dis - ci - ples, Find - ing those he knew were lost.
 through this com - pa - ny God will act and raise his voice.

Tune: John L. Bell, 3/1949
 Lyrics: JESUS CALLS US, Irregular; adapt. from a Gaelic Air by John L. Bell, 1/1949
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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. **Amen**

SONG OF PRAISE

Spir - it of Life, Come un - to me. Sing in my
heart all the stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the wind,
Rise in the sea. Move in the hand giv - ing life the shape of
jus - tice. Roots hold me close. Wings set me free.
Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.*

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)

Psalm 33:1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you | **righteous**; *
it is good for the just to sing | **praises**.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the | **harp**; *
play to God upon the psaltery and | **lyre**.
- 3 Sing to the Lord a new | **song**; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the | **trumpet**.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is | **right**, *
and all God’s works are | **sure**.
- 5 You, O God, love righteousness and | **justice**; *
your loving-kindness fills the whole | **earth**.
- 6 By your word were the heavens | **made**, *
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly | **hosts**.
- 7 You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a | **water-skin** *
and store up the depths of the | **sea**.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the | **Lord**; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in | **awe of you**.

- 9 For you spoke, and it came to | **pass**; *
you commanded, and it stood | **fast**.
- 10 You bring the will of the nations to | **naught**; *
you thwart the designs of the | **peoples**.
- 11 But your will stands fast for | **ever**, *
and the designs of your heart from age to | **age**.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the | **Lord!** *
happy the people you have chosen to be your | **own!**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-24

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!—

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Wright

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The leader introduces the prayers, saying

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, singing:

*Refrain

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: O, God, hear, us; hear, our, prayer. The notes are: O (quarter), God (quarter), hear (quarter), us; (quarter), hear (quarter), our (quarter), prayer. (quarter). The final note 'prayer.' has a fermata over it.

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(the above refrain is then repeated after each petition)

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Bishops, Andy, Allen, Mary, and Matt; for Matthew and Susan, our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Episcopal churches of the Ulster County Deanery: Trinity Church, St. Gregory's, St.

John's, Holy Cross/Santa Cruz, Christ the King, Ascension/Holy Trinity, St. Andrew's, and Christ Church, let us pray to the Lord.

For our President, Joseph, our Governor, Kathy, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For this town of Woodstock, which sits on unceded Lanape territory, for the indigenous peoples of this land, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the oppressed, the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

For those on our parish prayer list: Kathy, Robert, Alan, Fred, Lewis, Toni, Steve, Shamci, Ulysses, Mariko, Kazu, Daniel, Jeanette, Jim, Steven, Mary Lou and baby Belle, Linda, Pam Ross, Kathy & John, Paula, Lori, Ebro, Kirk, Alex & Kaela, Zach, Marie, Nat, Jeremy Rawson, Stephanie, Eric, Pat, Frances, Larry, Susie, Charlie, Deb, Anna and Emmett, Lorraine, Heather, Caleb Francis, Lynn, Tress, Charles & Doris, Ilfra, and any others we now name [*silent pause*], let us pray to the Lord.

For the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all those touched by war, for deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

In the communion of Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed Gregory our Patron, and of all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to the Lord.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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 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

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

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(sung by choir)*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low;
 praise God, the Tri-ni - ty of love, be - fore, be-neath, a - round, a - bove.
 A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ: 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.**


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

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

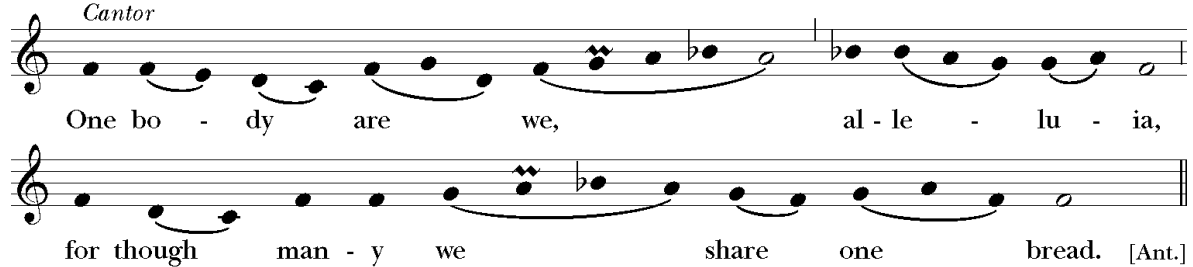
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A brief silence follows. All then joining in singing

Antiphon:



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

If you are unable to physically participate in Communion, you may offer a Prayer of Spiritual Communion during this time.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

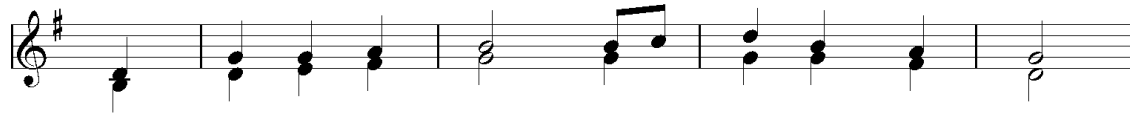
In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....*Ye Servants of God*



1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:



and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**