



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — JUNE 19, 2022

READINGS: ISAIAH 65:1-9; PSALM 22:21-27; GALATIANS 3:23-29; LUKE 8:26-39

Organ: How Great Thou Art - Setting by Janet Linker

Hymn 678, Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 Trisagion is sung first by the cantor, then twice more by all.

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

Ancient of Days, we praise you. Through your Word you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

IN OUR HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON THE PROPHET RECEIVES AN ANSWER TO HIS PRAYER THAT GOD REVEAL THE DIVINE PRESENCE ONCE MORE, FORGIVING SIN, RENEWING THE LAND, AND RESTORING THE TEMPLE.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22 IS A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE LORD, WHO RULES OVER ALL AND CARES FOR THE DOWNTRODDEN. THE REFRAIN IS SUNG BY THE CANTOR, ALL REPEAT, AND THEN SING TOGETHER AT **R.**

I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. **R.**

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live forever!" **R.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations bow before him. For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations. **R.**

A READING FROM PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS

IN THIS NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, WE HEAR THAT THE ERA OF DOMINATION BY THE LAW IS PASSED. WHATEVER THE FORMER BARRIERS OF RACE, CLASS, OR GENDER, WE ARE TOGETHER HEIRS OF THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Hymn 618): **Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones; Raise the glad strain, alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels choirs. Alleluia! (5x)**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out of the boat on to the land, a man of the city who had demons met him. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" – because the power of Jesus to heal had threatened the demons. The man had been long-troubled and isolated from others; he wore no clothes, and he did not live in a house, but in the tombs. Many times the demons seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds. Jesus then asked him directly, "What is your name?" The demon said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Nearby on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding. The demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the

demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. This startled them. Those who had seen what had happened told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat to leave. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Sermon – The Rev. Michael L. Bradley, Rector

The Iona Affirmation of Faith

What do we believe?

We believe in God:

**Whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was made human in Jesus of Nazareth,
Whose love was crucified by evil that can entrap us.**

**Therefore, though sometimes we are fearful and doubting, we trust in God,
and in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves:
To serve others, to seek justice, and to live in peace,
To care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
To live in the freedom of forgiveness, in the power of Love's spirit,
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,
For the glory of God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers are offered for the world, for all people and for ourselves.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant concludes with a collect, to which all respond, **Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

Solo: As the Deer - Setting by Michael Joncas; Text from Psalm 42:2, 43:3-5

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Hymn 248, To the Name of Our Salvation, Laud and Honor Let us Pay

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We see your infinite wisdom in your loving plan of salvation for us. You came to our rescue by your power as God, yet you wanted us to be saved by one like us. The human family refused your friendship, but it was restored by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise, joining our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

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

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.
Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

After all have received, please stand.

Eternal God; **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, and to love and serve others with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The blessing of God be upon you, now and forever. **Amen.**
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 423, Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise

Organ: Majestic Postlude - Greg Gilpin

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