

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 2, 2024

WELCOME! PLEASE USE THIS BULLETIN TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.
THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY ELLY GARZEL AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROGER GARZEL.

READINGS: DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15; PSALM 81:1-10; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12; MARK 2:23-3:6

Our Readers: Jim Zink and Jeanne Poleski.

Hymn 51, We, The Lord's People, Heart And Voice Uniting

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 once by the cantor, then by the choir, and then by all.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one have mer - cy on us.

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

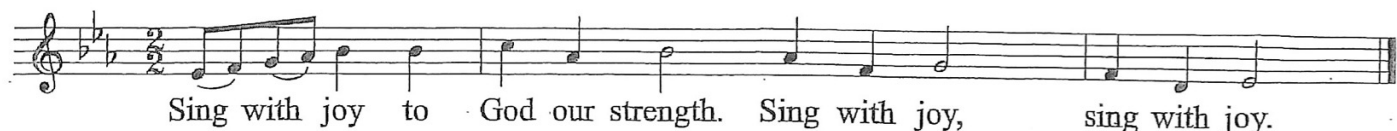
A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

In our Hebrew scripture lesson, we hear the commandment to keep the sabbath day holy. Six days are sufficient for labor, but the sabbath is to be kept free from work and set aside for the Lord.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

Psalm 81 is a psalm of festival praise and an exhortation to worship the Lord alone. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat, and sing as indicated by R.



Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre. Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast. R. For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob. He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, when he came out of the land of Egypt. R. I heard an unfamiliar voice saying "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load." You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah. R. Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." R.

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

In this lesson, Paul teaches that although human weakness is all too apparent in those who preach the gospel, what is proclaimed is the glorious light of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake. For the God who said, 'Out of darkness light shall shine,' has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have only earthenware jars to hold this treasure, and this proves that such transcendent power does not come from us; it is God's alone. We are hard pressed, but never cornered; bewildered, but never at our wits' end, hunted, but never abandoned to our fate; struck down, but never killed. Wherever we go we carry with us in our body the death that Jesus died, so that in this body also the life that Jesus lives may be revealed. For Jesus's sake we are all our life being handed over to death, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in this mortal body of ours. Thus death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

all stand

Cantor:: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! **All: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

It was the sabbath. Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." He entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

Seeing this, the Pharisees left the synagogue and joined with the Herodians to bring about Jesus's death.

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

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

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.

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the whole world, for the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For all who have died, let us pray to the Lord. R.

Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.

In our Diocese: St. Stephen's, Troy; Mother of the Savior Arab-American Christian Ministry in Dearborn. In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Central America.

For those on our prayer list: Karen Schulze, Phylis Wood, Bill Steiner, Renee, Rosa, Norm Hahn, Richard Simonds, Lynn Kerber, Jim Veit, Vicki, Nina, Ed Haug, Donald Burton.

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

Have mercy upon us; 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.

Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation. Hear our prayers and forgive us our sins; and all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God's peace be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet each other briefly.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.

Hymn 381, Thy Strong Word Did Cleave The Darkness; At Thy Speaking It Was Done

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, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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 be filled with thanks.

Eternal God; **You have fed us at the table of your grace. Send us out in strength, deliver us from all spiritual pride, and give us a quiet confidence in your mercy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you, this day and always.

Amen.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 419, Lord of Being, Throned Afar, Thy Glory Flames From Sun And Star

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