



**The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020**

Welcome

Prelude

Noel for Jesus

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Hymn

Come, thou almighty King

Hymn 365

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father whose love unknown all things created own,
build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored; our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless; come, give thy word success;
stablish thy righteousness, Savior and friend.

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour;
thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
the highest praises be, hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Opening Acclamation

Clergy O God, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
All **we praise you!**

Clergy You made the earth and all that lives here:
All **we praise you!**

Clergy You give breath to all creatures and your Spirit to all people:
All **we praise and thank you, O God!**

Clergy That the eyes of the blinded be opened, the poor hear the good news, the captives be brought
out of darkness, the wealth of the world serve the good of all,
All **your kingdom come, O God; your will be done!**

Clergy Then let us sing a new song to God.
All **With joy let us honor our maker.**

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴ You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- ²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- ²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness

Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader To God who so loved the world, let us pray with hearts full of love.

(A brief silence)

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for St. Paul's Church in Constableville; and Trinity Church in Constantia. In our Diocese, we pray especially for all those still suffering from Covid-19. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Iglesia de Santa María Magdalena, in Cara Sucia, Ahuachapán and their priest the Rev. Mario Nuñez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Wyoming and their bishop the Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of the Philippines and their Prime Bishop the Most Rev. Joel Atiwag Pachao. May the church's life be marked

by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For peace among all peoples of the earth: may God redeem us from the slavery of selfishness. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For the health and sustainability of the earth and all living things: may we grow as stewards of the marvelous gift you have given in all of creation. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For this nation and our local communities: may we continually seek to offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support until all people live in justice and freedom. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those who suffer from any illness, be it physical, mental, or spiritual, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

For those we have loved but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May they live forever with God in Christ. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy Hear our prayers, loving and gracious God, and receive them for the sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Slane

arr. Roy Smith

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for mission

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Blessing

Clergy Now go in peace,
do what God wills,
follow where Christ calls,
pray for the gifts of the Spirit;
and may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Rest on and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, o refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful, to thy truth may we be found;

So that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

Clergy God has told us what is good and right;
Live justly,
Love kindly,
Walk with God.

All **Amen. Alleluia. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Noel to the people of Chartres

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Additional source for today's liturgy:
Iona Abbey Worship Book