

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2020

Welcome

Opening Songs

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who come
To the Father are restored

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings!

Who Do You Say I Am?

What do they say in the Cities and towns, of me? Who do they say I am? Some say John the Baptist And some say Elijah It's clear few understand

But who do you say I am?
Who do you say I am?
You're the Messiah!
You are my king!
Lord, You're our Savior!
You're the light in all things

What do they say in the Furrows and fields, of me? Who do they say I am? Some say John the Baptist And some say Elijah It's clear few understand

But who do you say I am?
Who do you say I am?
You're the Messiah
You are my king
Lord, You're our Savior
You're the light in all things

Light of the World God of All Grace Son of the Father and Ancient of Days

Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come

But who do you say I am? But who do you say I am? But who do you say I am? Who do you say I am?

You're the Messiah
You are my king
Lord, You're our Savior
You're the light in all things
You're the Messiah!

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

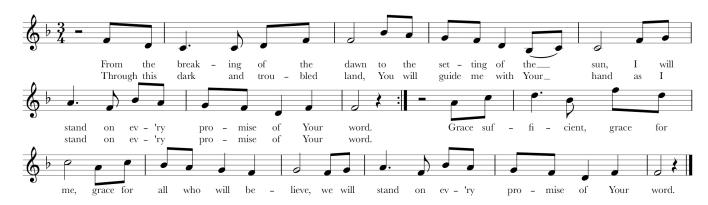
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;
- for you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.
- When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

- Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.
- Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Gospel Song



From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on every promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on every promise of Your word

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the

Messiah.

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 Endicott and their Rector the Rev. John Martinichio; and St. Andrew's Church in Evans Mills and their Vicar the Rev. Anne Wichelns. In our Diocese, we pray for the clergy and parishes in the Syracuse-East and Southern-Tier East Districts. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for Mission San Romero de America and their priest the Rev. Mario Benitez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Diocese of Arkansas and their bishop the Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia and the Most Revd Melter Tais. 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.

Music for Reflection

Clergy

Holy Water

God, I'm on my knees again God, I'm begging please again I need You Oh, I need You

Walking down this desert road Water for my thirsty soul I need You Oh, I need You

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey
On my lips
Like the sound of a symphony
To my ears
Like holy water on my skin (hey)

Dead man walking, slave to sin I wanna know about being born again I need You Oh, God, I need You

> So, take me to the riverside Take me under, baptize I need You Oh, God, I need You

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey
On my lips
Like the sound of a symphony
To my ears
Like holy water on my skin
On my skin

I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change
I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God, I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change
I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God, I need it every day

It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change, oh
I don't wanna abuse Your grace
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Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey
On my lips
Like the sound of a symphony
To my ears
It's like holy water

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.

I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow

> All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)
Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)
Yeah I will follow You yeah

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You) yeah!

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.

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