The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

20 June 2021 at 10 a.m. Officiant: The Rev. Canon Victoria Sirota Lay Reader: Anthony Johnson



Hymn 608 "Eternal Father, strong to save""

The Congregation says the text in **bold**

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant 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.

Glory to God S 278 Gloria in excelsis William Mathias

(1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

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

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? — when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *

and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *

that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships *

and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the LORD *

and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *

which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *

their hearts melted because of their peril.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *

and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *

and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *

and quieted the waves of the sea.

30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *

and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *

and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the council of the elders.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Canon Victoria Sirota

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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, **We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, **We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, **We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places, **We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We thank God for our Fathers and for those who have fathered us, for the gift of this PRIDE Month and the healing grace that has been bestowed on so many LGBTQ persons in this country due to changes in legislation and attitudes, and for JUNETEENTH, now a Federal Holiday, celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation and freedom from slavery finally announced in Texas on June 19, 1865. We give thanks for all students who have graduated, for the COVID-19 vaccines, and for those who celebrate birthdays this week including June Parriott-Kniffen, for all who listen to our weekly audio and on-line offerings, for this neighborhood of Getty Square, The Sharing Community and Westhab, The Salvation Army, the YWCA and the YMCA, the Yonkers Fire and Police Departments, all teachers, students and elected officials including our Mayor, for Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, for all hospitals, nursing homes and group homes and for all who work to help others.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country and for a change in policies and implementation in every city and state so that ALL people are protected and defended. We pray for our President and our relationships with world leaders, for the new government in Israel, and for our Bishops and all ministry in this Episcopal Diocese of NY. We pray especially for an end to the gun violence plaguing our nation, for those in danger by virtue of their labor, for all who are struggling with COVID-19 especially in India and Brazil, and for all who are in need of God's healing grace. We pray today for Linda Brown, Karen Edmonson, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Ann Stabile, Wayne Kniffen, June Parriott-Kniffen, Clifford Goff, Phyllis Murray, Joan Simpson Marszat, Henry McNamee, Adrien Campbell, Khalil Robinson, Susan Spielmann, Kayla Detz, Tom O'Connor, Catherine Corry, Judith Shorrocks, Philip Godlewski, Judy Hinsch, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzoni, Aida Carino, Shelly Henderson, Connie Tracey, Ruby Dixon, Joan Smith, Velma Crichton, Edith Williams, Carol Shoemaker, John Gore, Anna Walters, Thomas Neale, John Farrell, Chris Michel-Karsten, Deacon Luis Rivera, Justin Dehnert, Carla Jean DeBride, Naomi Henderson, Shaadira Smith, Roland Smith, Al DeFeo, Melvyn Davis, Wendy Maxwell and Floyd Davis. We pray for Anthony Johnson, a Postulant for ordination as a deacon, for all who have lost their jobs and all who are struggling to pay rent and other expenses, for the Scavenging Workers' Children in India, for an end to hate crimes involving Jewish Synagogues, for all who have been treated less than justly—including Asian Americans and members of the Sikh Community—and for changing hearts surrounding issues of racism in America.

Lord in your mercy,

We pray for all who have died, including Keith Emmanuel and Wayne Emmanuel (DeBride cousins), Rosalind Ellis, Jan Thompson-Moses, as well as those who have been murdered in recent gun violence across the country, those who have died from illness, natural disasters and warfare, and for the more than 600,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19. We also lament those who have died over the centuries including indigenous people, and all who have died due to slavery, lynching, racism and the unequal and unjust treatment of peoples in this country.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Brief Announcements and Closing Prayers

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

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