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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

LITURGY OF THE WORD with PRAYERS

July 12, 2020

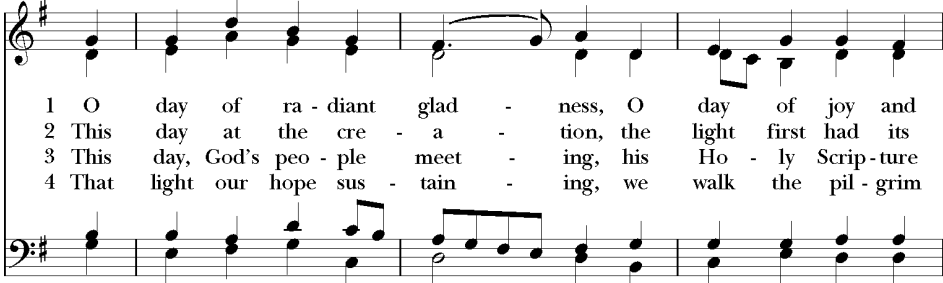
10:30 a.m.

Service broadcast online via livestream video

THE VOLUNTARY Canzona on *Liebster Jesu*

Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

THE OPENING HYMN 48, vv. 1 & 4 O day of radiant gladness ES FLOG ENS KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

All are invited to sing or read along.


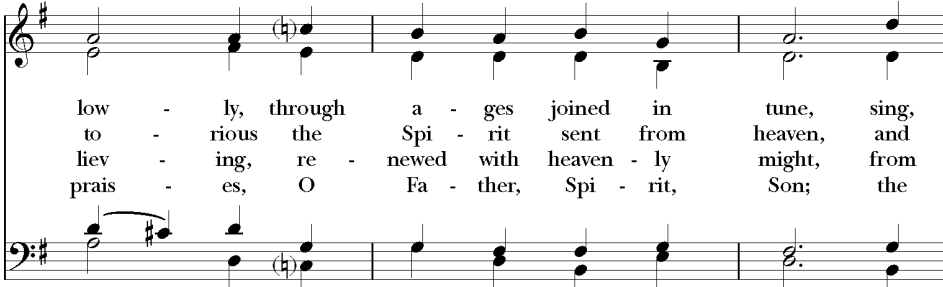
1 O day of ra - dant glad - ness, O day of joy and
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim



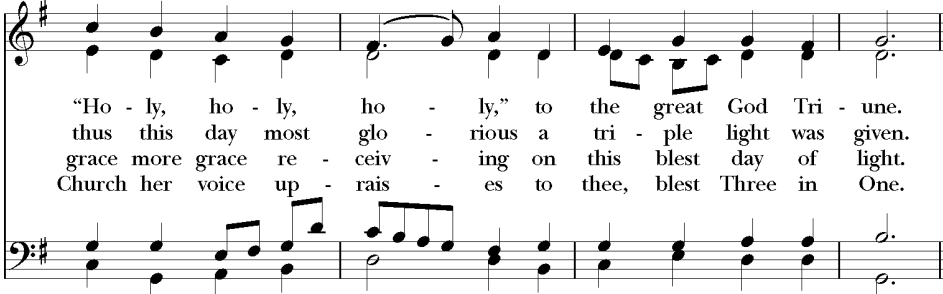
light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our



beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our



low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999); st. 4, ver. Hymnal 1982

Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

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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.
People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 25:19–34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 119:105–112**The people say the text in **bold**.*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 **I have sworn and am determined ***
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, ***
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 **The wicked have set a trap for me, ***
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes ***
for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1–11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 440, vv. 1 & 3 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

LIEBSTER JESU

All are invited to sing or read along.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.

Music: Liebster Jesu, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the

word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in **bold**.*

Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing.

For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God's unfailing love and forgiveness. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For the boundless priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church. For our clergy and bishops, and for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, that our hearts may be opened to God's desires for our future. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead may tend peace in the land, and labor lovingly for every person entrusted to them, especially during this time of global pandemic. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For our nation as we celebrate our Independence Day; save us from violence, discord and arrogance. May we strive to fulfill our solemn pledge of liberty and justice for all, and be united in our love of humankind. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For rain and sun in seasonable proportions and for our community garden, that the harvest may be plentiful and that no child, elder, or adult goes hungry. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For the will and action to preserve God's creation, so that foxes will have holes and birds places to nest. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For our neighbors who live with hunger and without shelter; for all who live with illness, pain or addiction; for all who feel alone; and for all on our parish prayer list, that we may bear witness to God's love for them. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For refugees and immigrants, for all who suffer violence at the hands of others, for all who have been wounded and devalued by racism, and for all leading our nation toward greater justice and equality. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For all who are suffering from illness, grief, isolation, exhaustion, or unemployment as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. For those working toward effective policies, better treatments, and a safe vaccine. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

For all who have died, that they may be welcomed into glory with the saints and angels. **Spirit of truth, set us free.**

Officiant God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all in all, **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.

THE BLESSING

The Officiant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN vv. 1 & 4 Shall we gather at the river

All are invited to sing or read along.



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ____
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ____
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ____
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ____

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of ____ God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Words and Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Grand Choeur on *Austria*

Richard Purvis

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Officiant and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Lonnie
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Patricia
Brad Babbitt	Marnie Mueller	Billy Ulrich	Nancy Skeelee
Steve Chambers	Ollie	Carlos Diaz	Beverly
Buffy Ineson	Nancy Eaton	CJ	Katie

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Emma Kosinski	Elijah Clapp
Andrew Hicks	Steve Chambers
Bert Keating	Emily Davis
Leah Lorenzo	Daphne Beers
Mike Corey	Sarah Kieffer

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Janet & Brad Babbitt
 Mei-wa & Claude Brouillard
 Heidi & Jeff Gostyla

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; St. James', Poquetanuck; and for ECCT and parish committees on investments, stewardship, planned giving, insurance, and personnel policy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.