

Holy Trinity Church Morning Prayer June 6, 2021

Opening hymn:

**I lift my voice in song unto Thy name;
I lift my hands, You're every day the same.
Come fill me now, Lord Jesus let it be;
Let now my lips sing new found praise to Thee.
Singing hallelujah, hallelujah,
Praise and worship to Thy name.
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Praise and worship to Thy name**

**We're together again, just praising the Lord;
We're together again, in one accord.
Something good is about to happen,
Something good is in store,
We're together again, just praising the Lord.**

**Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
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Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord!**

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: As the summer breeze blows, as the water runs clear and free,
All: we respond to God the Creator, "Here I am, for you called me."
One: In the midst of family, for a situation where suffering is confided,
All: we respond to the Compassionate God, "Here I am, for you called me."
One: Within our faith community, as we offer our worship, as we pledge our service,
All: we respond to our God of the Church, "Here I am, for you called me."
One: Meeting the anxiety of a good friend with words of hope,
All: we respond to the Ever-Present God, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Opening Prayer

One: Glorious God of the seventh day, we worship you!
All: This is the day for praise in God's house; this is the day when we come together as God's people.
One: Glorious Sunday God, we worship you!
All: This is the day to put stress and daily anxieties behind us as we focus on your Word for us.
One: Glorious Sabbath God, we worship you!
All: This is the day for us to listen and to get ready for the tasks of mission and service that lie ahead for us.

One: God of the seventh day, God of *all the days*, we worship you!

All: Each day we will learn about the Way of Jesus; each day we will respond to the downhearted as committed disciples of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

One: You know us through and through, O God.

All: You come to us in the straightforward, challenging words of a friend.

One: There is no time when you are not present to us, O God.

All: You are there as we face the most far reaching decision; your voice speaks to us through our conscience.

One: Sometimes we wish you did not care so completely, O God:

All: when we take the selfish path, when we choose the darkness rather than the light.

One: You go with us in the challenging times, O God.

All: You are there as we venture out and as we take risks that reflect our Christian calling.

Words of Assurance

One: You, O God, will never let us down; you go the distance with us.

All: Into our hesitancy and lack of resolution, breathe strength of purpose, O God. Into our wavering sense of direction, breathe your faithful Way, O God. And mark our renewed lives with the blessing of your peace. Amen.

Officiant Lord, open our lips, (BAS pg.47)

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there,

calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
1SAMUEL 3:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks

A Reading of PSALM 139

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual:

He's the Master of my vessel, through the years,
 He's the Master of my vessel,
 Through the smiles and through the tears.
 Though the stormy winds may blow,
 This one thing I surely know,
 Jesus Christ is still the Captain of my soul.

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

One sabbath Jesus was 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." Again 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. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. MARK 2:23 3:6

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (BAS pg.52)

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.

Offertory Hymn

God Is Building A House

2. **God is building a house, God is building a house,
 God is building a house that will stand.
 With apostles, prophets, pastors, with evangelists and teachers,
 God is building a house that will stand.**
3. **Christ is head of this house, Christ is head of this house,
 Christ is head of this house that will stand.
 He abideth in its praises, will perfect it in its ways;
 Christ is head of this house that will stand.**
4. **We are part of this house, we are part of this house,
 We are part of this house that will stand.
 We are called from every nation to enjoy His full salvation,
 We are part of this house that will stand.**

Prayer over the Offering:

One: We take your creative goodness to us so much for granted, O God. It seems like

diamonds in an old battered box.

All: As we offer you our treasure, give us the wisdom to recognize how we fall short of your wonderful generosity.

One: God will use your gifts for God's compassionate and encouraging purposes.

All: We offer them fully and freely, and we offer ourselves to make them effective.

One: God will accept your gifts and bless them.

All: Praise and thanks to God! **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Holy Spirit

(Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying,

“Come, Holy Spirit, come.”)

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, come

Collect of the Day

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Lord's Prayer (BAS pg.54)

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn:

- 1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died, to buy my pardon;**

An empty grave is there to prove, my Saviour lives.

Chorus:

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.***

2. How sweet to hold, a new born baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives.
But greater still, the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

Chorus:

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.***

3. And then one day, I'll cross that river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death, gives way to victory,
I'll see the light of glory, and I'll know He reigns.

Chorus:

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives.***

Commissioning

One: Your God will not keep a score of wrongs.

All: Our loving God will not harbor grudges. God will open us to new endeavors and will help us to confront the darkness that binds us, and the apathy that saps our strength. God will enable us to have done with the past that holds us back.

One: Tomorrow is a new day. Go into that day with confidence and hope!