

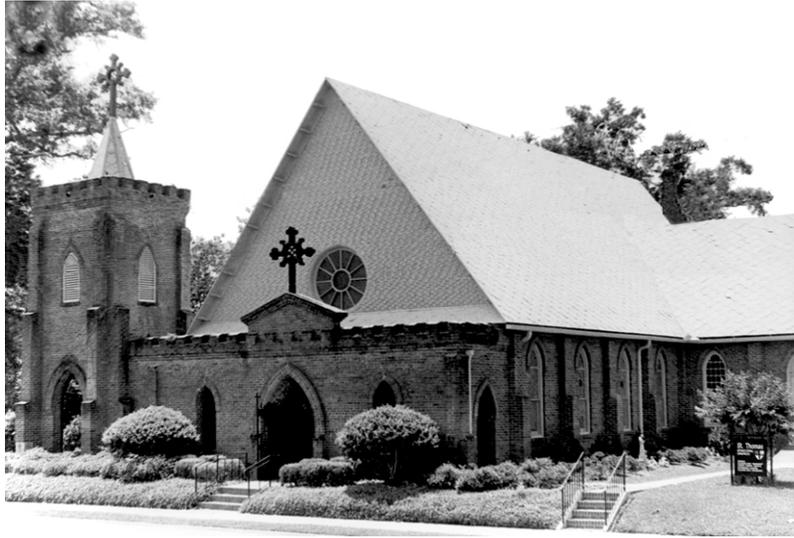
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020 10 a.m.

Virtual Worship – Holy Eucharist Rite II (Alternative Form)

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Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn *O soul, are you weary and troubled? (verse 1)* A 113

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Minister

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Then the minister says to the people:

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

People:

*Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.*

Song of Praise

Minister and People together:

Great and Wonderful

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds

O Lord, God the Almighty:

just and true are your ways

O ' Sovereign of the nations.

2 Who shall not revere and praise your Name O ' Lord?:

for you alone are holy.

3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:

4 be blessing and honour, glory and might

for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 15:3b-4; 5:13

Minister:

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.
In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Minister:

Hear these words of scripture.
If we claim to be sinless,
we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.
If we confess our sins,
God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The minister then says

Let us kneel and, in silence,
remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People together:

Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Saviour Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A priest says

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The Minister prays the first line in the following.
The People respond with the first italicized verse
in each stanza.

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
TēnākiawaiatatātoukiaIhowā,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
kiaharitatoukitetoka o tōtātouwhakaoranga.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
WaiataatukiaIhowā, whakapaingiatōnaingoa;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.
kōrerotiatōnawhakaorangaiiarā, iiarā.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
Pānuitiatōnakorōriakingā iwi.
your praise to the ends of the earth.
Tōnawhakanuikingātōpito o to ao.

Then follows the *Psalm* (or *Psalms*) appointed.

Psalm 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever

I called upon him.

¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

At the end of the psalm is said

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

Korōriakite Matua, kiteTama,
kite Wairua Tapu;
maītetīmatanga, kitēneiwā,
ā, haereakenei. Āmine.

AReading from the Old Testament
Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Minister and People together:

The Song of ZechariahBenedictus

1 Blessed are you O Lord our ' God:
you have come to your ' people · and ' set them ' free.

2 You have raised up for us a ' mighty ' Saviour:
born of the ' house · of your ' servant ' David.

3 Through your holy prophets you ' promised · of ' old:
that you would save us from our enemies,
from the ' hands of ' all who ' hate us.

4 You promised to show ' mercy · to our ' forbears:
and to re'member · your ' holy ' covenant.

5 This was the oath you swore to our ' father ' Abraham:
to set us ' free · from the ' hands of · our ' enemies,

6 free to worship you with'out ' fear:
holy and righteous in your sight ' ◡
all the ' days of · our ' life.

7 And you, child, shall be called ◡
the prophet of the ' Most ' High:
for you will go before the ' Lord · to pre'pare the ' way,

8 to give God's people knowledge ' of sal'vation:
through the for'giveness ' of their ' sins.

9 In the tender compassion ' of our ' God:
the dawn from on ' high shall ' break up'on us,

10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness ◡
and the ' shadow · of ' death:

and to guide our feet ' into · the ' way of ' peace. Luke 1: 68-79 (adapted)

Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son:
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;
as it was in the beginning · is ' now:
and shall be for ' ever. ' A'men.

A Reading from the New Testament
Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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One of the following or another *Song of Praise* is said or sung.

Minister and People together:

The Exalted Lord

Christ Jesus was in the form of God:

- ¹ yet he did not think to grasp at equality with God,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant:
² and was born in our human likeness.

Being found in our human state he humbled himself:

- ³ and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him:

- ⁴ and bestowed on him the Name above every name;
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow:
⁵ in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is ' Lord:

- ⁶ to the glory of God the ' Father.'A'men.Philippians2:6-11

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (9:35-10:23)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

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Thanks be to God.

The *Sermon* The Reverend Linda Suzanne C. Borgen

The Apostles' Creed or *Te Whakapono a ngā Āpōtoro* may be said, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

Minister The Lord be with you.

People *The Lord bless you.*

The Intercessor prays the first line in the following.

*The People respond with the first italicized verse
in each stanza.*

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
E Ihowā, meinga ō tikanga kiamōhioakiteao,
your saving power among all peoples.
tōu mana whakaorakingātauivikatoa.

Renew your Church in holiness,
whakahoungiatōHāhiirungaitetapu.
and help us to serve you with joy.
Ā, āwhinatiamātoukite mabi ki a koeirungaitehari.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
E Ihowā, arahinangā iwi o tēnei whenua.
that justice may prevail throughout the world.
*Kia riramai ai ingātāngatakatoangāmea e tika ana ki a
rātou.*

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
E Ihowā, kaua e warewaretiaterawakore.
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Kauaanōtetūmanako o terawakore e whakakorea.
Make us instruments of your peace,
E Ihowā, meingamātouheikareremōtōurangimārie.
and let your glory be over all the earth.
Ā, tukuatōukorōriakiahorapakiteaokatoa.

Lord, keep this nation under your care; we pray for those in positions of public trust; President Donald Trump, Governor Kay Ivey and Mayor Dexter McLendon, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray especially for those on our Parish prayer list, _____,
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Minister

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Minister and People together:

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

O soul, are you weary and troubled? (verse 4)

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His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

The Dismissal

The almighty and merciful God bless us
and keep us now and for ever. *Amen.*