

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00

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Hours: Mon 8-12:00, Tues-Fri 8-5:00

“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”



Prelude

Gary Ritter

INTRODUCTION

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand – if standing is difficult please feel free to remain seated

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, now and forever whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God,

C: ***from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Sit

Gathering Song

“Gather Us In”

Number 532

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away – but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

WORD

Bible Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

Psalm 85:8-13

L: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: ***Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.***

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: ***Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.***

L: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ***Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.***

Bible Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then

the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sit

Children's Message

Pam Ensley

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Stand

Hymn of the Day "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Number 398

- 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
- 4 Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.
- 5 Holy Spirit, right divine, king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

Apostles' Creed

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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Care for those who are vulnerable, sick, or near death, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

Sit

Special Music "We are Marching in the Light" S African traditional

Prayer of Preparation

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: *you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.*

Stand

Words of Institution

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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. ***Amen.***

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love
the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.***

Stand

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile
on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his
favor and give you ☩ his peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*
v. 1, 3, 5-6 Number 634

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring
forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all, bring forth the
royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
3. Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call the
God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all. The God
incarnate, man divine – and crown him Lord of all.
5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all
majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty
ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll
join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the
everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love one another. You are the body of Christ.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

SERVICE

Usher - Norm Bembenek	Sound Tech – Max Malcom
Musicians	Patricia Hagensen, Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson
Lector	Pam Ensley
Altar Guild	Karen Blair, Nadia Hagen, Vicki Stone-Milligan

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"Gather Us In"

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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Text: Samuel Longfellow

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons

"We are Marching in the Light"

Text: South African traditional, tr. 1984 *Freedom Is Coming*

Music: South African traditional, arr. *Freedom Is Coming*

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"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Text: Edward Perronet, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, sts. 5-6

Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden