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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday June 21, 2020

This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



"Come, for all is now ready"

|The Preparation & Gathering|

"Let there be love shared among you"

DAVE BILBROUGH (b. 1955)

Opening Song ¶ All sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEuS7Ut7kql>

The Call to Worship

Presbyter That we are here today is no accident.
People **Christ himself has called us together.**
Presbyter The invitation stretches far and wide:
from wilderness and wandering, from loneliness and longing,
People **all have a place at the table.**

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lesson

Genesis 12. 1 - 4

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Reflections on the Parable of the Great Banquet LUKE 14. 16

"Come."

That's what a certain man said to a list of invited guests for his banquet. "Come." All those invited had rejected the man's invitation.

In Jesus' parable there is an implication of arrogance in this rejection.

God is the One inviting people into His eternal Kingdom that He describes more than once in the Bible as a banquet.

"Come," the Lord said first to many of us in Baptism, and continues to say through the preaching of His Word.

Come as the invited guests for the Lord's banquet who hear His Word eagerly.

Come. Amen.

Excerpts from commentary by REVD MICHAEL DALE, Christ Lutheran Church, Port St. Lucie, Florida

So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Psalm 119: 9 - 16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wj-5DgYrAhY>

The Epistle

1 St John 3. 13 - end

Marvel, not my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need. And shutteth up his compassion from him; how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love I nword, neither in tongue; but in deed, and intruth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him: and hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.

The Holy Gospel

St Luke 14. 16 - 24

Jesus said, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servant at supper-time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to made excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his Lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go our quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou has commanded, and yet there is no room. And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the high-ways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

|The Prayers of the People|

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for
† the Universal Church,
† the nation and all who govern,
† the welfare of the world, especially in these times of great uncertainty and anxiety
† the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed.
We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ.

|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

*The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,
giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly*



“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,

although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

*The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.*

*In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”*

Hymn

[View in the YouTube link to the service](#)

“God is here, and that to bless us”

1. God is here, and that to bless us
with the Spirit's quickening power;
see the cloud already bending
waits to drop the grateful shower. *Refrain*
2. Saviour, grant the prayer we offer,
while in simple faith we bow;
from the windows of Thy mercy
pour us out a blessing now. *Refrain*

*Refrain Let it come, O Lord, we pray Thee!
let the shower of blessing fall;
we are waiting, we are waiting;
oh revive the hearts of all!*

Words: JAMES BLACK (1856 - 1938) • Music: JOHN SWENEY (1837 - 1899)

|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

View in the YouTube link to the service

“Standing on the promises ”

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let His praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*
2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail
standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

Refrain Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword
standing on the promises of God.

R. KETSO CARTER (1849 - 1928)

The Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † the families and loved ones of the soldiers martyred in the border clashes last week. Pray for lasting peace at our borders. Remember the personnel in the armed forces who keep our borders safe. May there be easing of tensions and peaceful negotiations.
- † all nations as they cope with a new reality and best manage the challenges of these times.
- † all doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and those who provide for our essential services.
- † all scientists and pharmaceutical companies as they work towards finding a vaccine.
- † the worshipping community here at the Cathedral; especially those who at this time are separated from their loved ones.
- † the security guards in the Cathedral. They have been away from their families since the lockdown began.
- † all pupils who have to make decisions about their higher education.
- † the bereaved family of Revd Shadananda. His wife passed away last week. May God give strength to the family to bear their loss.
- † in the Diocese: for the Church of the Holy Trinity, Chembur and the Revd Jess Matthew.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Phulbani and the Rt Revd Bijay Nayak.
- † the Revd Dennis Lal as he assumes his post as the newly appointed General Secretary of the Synod of the Church of North India.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore and the Rt Revd D. Chandrasekaran.
- † in the Anglican Communion for the Church of Nigeria and the Most Revd Henry Ndokuba.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Mani Thomas (21), Gladston Somervell (21), Susy Thomas (22),
Daniel Phillips (26), Laukik Telgote (26), Avani Sudhakar (27)

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Zooming INTO the church from home!

Sunday morning 10 am zoom online payer and fellowship.

Sunday school classes on Sun @ 11:15 am on zoom.

Youth Fellowship on Sun @ 7:30 pm on zoom.

Women's Fellowship prayer cycle @ 6pm daily.

Online recording of the choir's singing.

Classes on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers on Sat @ 5pm.