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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday July 19, 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.



... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may **live a new life**. ROMANS 6:4

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Presbyter We are here,
People **in the name of Christ Jesus.**
Presbyter So ask right now
People **and it shall be given to you.**
Presbyter Seek right now,
People **and you will find.**
Presbyter Knock right now,
People **and the door will be opened.**

The Call to Worship



Hymn ¶ All sing

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

“Praise to the Lord”

Words: J. NEANDER (1650 - 80) • Music: Melody from Praxis Pietatis Melica (1668)

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson

Genesis 4. 2 - 15

Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

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Reflections on Romans 6. 3

Resurrection has to do with relationships. If a person is "raised," then that person is raised "with Christ." If a person is "baptized," then that person is both baptized "into Christ" and his death, and united with him "in a resurrection like his". A Christian who "plays solitaire" through life is a contradiction in terms. One begins the Christian life by being baptized into the Church, the body of Christ. That means we are brought into Christ's own life of service and humiliation. It happens so intimately that "living is Christ". To be resurrected is to be brought into a whole new "world" of interrelations - "walking in newness of life"

~ JOHN G. GIBBS, Theologian

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And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

Psalm 119: 41- 45

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3HPZZtrhWA>

The Epistle

Romans 6.3-11

KNOW ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 5.20-2

JESUS said unto his disciples, Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgement. But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

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 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. *cf Romans 5.1*
The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

|The Prayers of the People|

Intercessory Prayers

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

“Though your sins be as scarlet”

View in the YouTube link to the service

“Though your sins be as scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they be red like crimson,
they shall be as wool!”

Hear the voice that entreats you,
oh, return ye unto God!

He is of great compassion,
and of wondrous love;

“Though your sins be as scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow.

hear the voice that entreats you,
oh, return ye unto God!



He'll forgive your transgressions,
and remember them no more;

“Look unto Me, ye people,”
saith the Lord your God!

He'll forgive your transgressions,
and remember them no more.

Words: FRANCES CROSBY (1820 - 1915) • Music: W. H. DOANE (1832 - 1915)

|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

“And can it be that I should gain”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlSbGETVr84>

Words: CHARLES WESLEY (1707 - 1788) • Music: THOMAS CAMPBELL (1800 - 1876)

The Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Postlude

Trumpet and organ

(Played by the Revd Markus Lesinski and Maria Potashnikova, Germany)

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † all nations of the world as they make every attempt to contain the pandemic.
- † our City administration, hospitals and essential service providers.
- † the work being done towards finding a vaccine. We give thanks to God for the promising progress made to find a cure.
- † the safety of those who are compelled to reside in unsafe structures. Pray for those who have lost their life and rendered homeless in the recent building collapses in the City.
- † all pupils who have to make decisions regarding their higher studies.
- † in the Diocese: for the Holy Cross Church, Umerkhadi and the Revd Shimon Samuel.
- † all retired Presbyters and Bishops in the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India*.
- † in the *Anglican Communion* for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the Most Revd Joel Pachao.
- In the Church calendar **St Mary Magdalene** is commemorated on July 22.  
*Theme: Thanksgiving for the example of devotion shown by Mary Magdalene.*
- **St James, Apostle and Martyr** is commemorated on July 25.  
*Theme: Thanksgiving for James, the brother of John, the first of the twelve to die as a martyr.*
- We thank Denham Pereira (*Organist & Director of Music at the Church of St Michael & All Angels, Colombo*) for compiling the virtual choir for the online service today.
- We thank the Revd Markus Lesinski and Maria Potashnikova for recording the postlude.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Olivia Isaac (19), Sarah Solomon (20), Eva Isaac (21), Roop Kamal (22),
T. Ravichandran (22), Archana Magar (25)

A Prayer from the World Council of Churches

#StayAtHome #PrayTogether

God of life,
you have promised to be with us every day,
also in difficult days, like in times like these.
Give us
clarity in our minds,
strength in our work and discernment,
rest as we sleep,
peace in our minds.
Be with those
who need help
more than we do ourselves
help us to see what we can offer
from your love.
Amen.

Olav Fykse Tveit, WCC General Secretary

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Zooming INTO church from home!

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| Sun | 10 am | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes. |
| | 11:15 am | Sunday school |
| | 7:30 pm | Bible study for the youth. |
| Daily | 6pm | Prayer cycle led by the Women's Fellowship. |
| Sat | 5 pm | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |

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Contact the Presbyter for pastoral visits and administering Communion to the house-bound.

This will resume once the restrictions in place are eased.

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