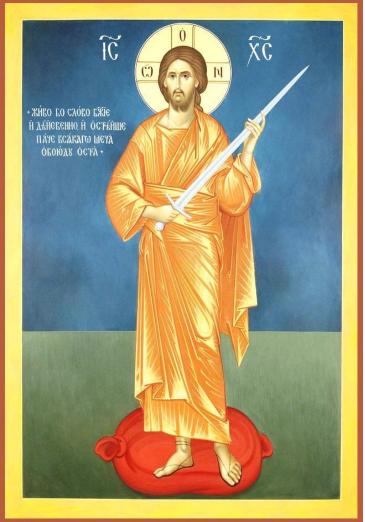
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12)

Sunday, June 21, 2020 The Third Sunday after Pentecost



To Know Christ and to make Christ known... St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry

Morning Prayer

Prelude

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

Invitatory and Psalter

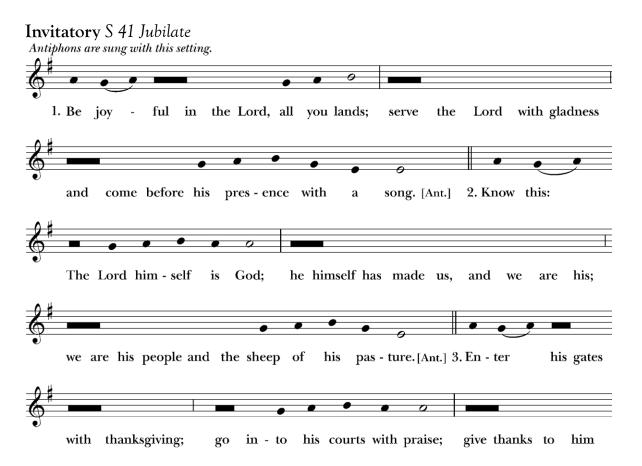
Officiant Lord, open our lips.

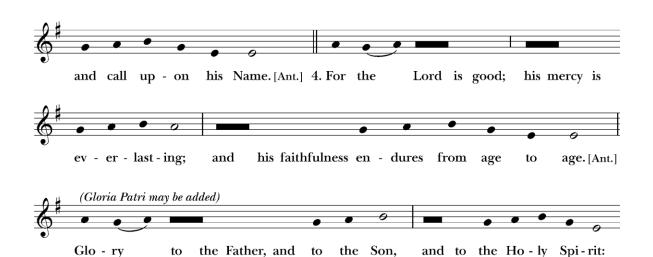
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.







As it was in the begin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.[Ant.]

Plainsong, Tone 4; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- ¹Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.
 - ²Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.
 - ³Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *

I call upon you all the day long.

- ⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- ⁵For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, * and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- ⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, * and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- ⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, * for you will answer me.
- ⁸Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, * nor anything like your works.
- ⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, * and glorify your Name.
- ¹⁰For you are great;
- you do wondrous things; * and you alone are God.
- ¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me; * give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
- so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; * because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.
- 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 Lessons

Lector: Dawn Wilson

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (21:8-21)

Canticle 7: Te Deum laudamus

- We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
- To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
- 3 Holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
- The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
- The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
- 6 the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
- 7 Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
- 8 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
- 9 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
- We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
- Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting

Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. and acc. Alastair Cassels-Brown (1927-2001)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (6:1b-11)

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise John Rutter © 1985, Oxford University Press, Inc.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; * you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; * on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; * in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (10:24-39)

The Sermon

The Rev'd Adam Pierce

The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 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,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your Name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Collect

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfullness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Third Collect

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

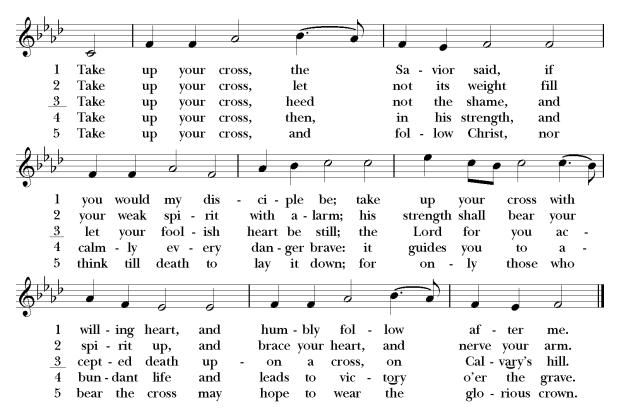
Prayer for the Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Office Hymn Take up your cross, the Savior said



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The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Donald, our President; Roy, our Governor; this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For Jon, Sandra, Judy, John, Elaine, David, Jere, Kathy, William, Diane, Cheryle, Harold and those friends of the Parish on our prayer list; for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our own bishop, Ray our interim rector, Adam our assistant rector, Richard our priest associate; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Let us name the losses we have suffered during this pandemic and those things we long for in our lives.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially John the Baptist whose nativity we observe on Wednesday, June 24.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Postlude

Fugue in E minor, S 548

J.S. Bach

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