



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Honoring Our Graduates  
June 13, 2021    Holy Eucharist  
Hybrid Service    9:00 AM**

*With what can we compare the kingdom of God? What image can we use? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the largest of all shrubs, and with branches large enough that*

*the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” [Mark 4:30-32]*

**Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

**Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Ruggiero

**Lectors:** Nathan Pirelli, Sean Prevelige, Lauren Ruggiero, Sophie Scrimgeour, Landon Sweet,

**Musicians:** Randolph Bloom, Jeff Lukas, Nicolas Figueroa, Kim Stochaj, Beth Stochaj

**Ushers:** Andrew Yaroshefski and Ginny Starkis

**Altar Guild:** Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski

**Digital Ministers:** Ann Marie Lockwood & Wayne Stochaj

*Please stand.*

**Prelude**    *Amazing Grace*

Nicolas Figueroa, Saxophone

**Opening Hymn**    *Be Thou My Vision*

Hymnal #488

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; / all else be naught to me, save that thou art.*

*Thou my best thought, by day or by night, / waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; / I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.*

*Born of thy love, thy child may I be, / thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

*High King of Heaven, when victory is won, / May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun*

*Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall / Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all*

**Mother Judith**    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Gloria**

*Let us say together:*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Sean Prevelige Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Landon Sweet The First Lesson: A Reading from The Prophet Ezekiel [17:22-24]**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will plant it. I will break off a tender shoot from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it. It will grow branches, bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I have made the great tree small and the small tree great; I have dried up the green tree and the dry tree sprout green branches. I the Lord have spoken; I will do this.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Lauren Ruggiero Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14**

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*

**and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*

**and of your faithfulness in the night season;**

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \* **and to the melody of the harp.**

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*

**and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*

**and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.**

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \* **shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \* **they shall be green and succulent;**

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, \* **my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

### **Sophie Scrimgeour** A Reading from the Second Letter to the Christians at Corinth [5:6-10, 14-17]

We are always confident; even though we know that living on the earth means being apart from Jesus Christ. We walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with Christ. So whether we are at home or away, our intent is to please Christ. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, and each of us may will be held accountable for what we have done in the body, whether good or evil. . . .

The love of Christ overwhelms us whenever we reflect on this: that if one person died for all, then all have died. The reason Christ died for all is so that the living should no longer live for themselves but for Christ, who died and was raised to life for us. From now on, therefore, we don't judge anyone by what they have or how they look. Even though we once judged Christ in this way, we no longer look at him in this way. So if anyone is united to Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*



### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark [4:26-34]**

**Glory to you Lord Christ**

**Nathan Pirelli** Jesus said, "The reign of God is like this: someone scatters seed on the ground, and sleeps night after night and rises day after day, and the seed sprouts and grows without the sower knowing how it happens. The earth produces the crop by itself, first the

stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the head. When the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God? What image can we use? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the largest of all shrubs, and with branches large enough that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Jesus taught his followers them by using many parables like this, in language that they could understand. He only spoke to them in parables, and he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*



*Please be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Please stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Let us say together:*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Sean Prevelige, Lauren Ruggiero, & Landon Sweet      The Prayers of the People

**Sean** Let us pray for the church, the world, and those whom we love, saying “Fill our hearts.”

**Sean** Guide our bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders, that they may serve and lead us with wisdom and courage. Draw all of us to you, that we may open our hearts to your wisdom. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Love, ***Fill our hearts.***

**Lauren** Guide the people of this land and of all nations in the ways of justice and peace. Grant our leaders the wisdom to find alternatives to violent conflict, the integrity to speak with honesty, and the compassion to share a vision of social and economic equality. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Truth, ***Fill our hearts.***

**Lauren** Awaken in us all a reverence for the earth and all that is in it.

**Landon** Fill with grace all our graduates, so that we may know the comfort of your presence and the wisdom of your Word wherever you may call us to go.

**Landon** Guide our Vestry and our candidates, as they discern who will be our next Rector. Spirit of Grace, ***Fill our hearts.***

**Sean** Strengthen every person who suffers in body, mind, or spirit . . . especially those we now name, silently or aloud (*pause*) . . . Grant them courage and hope, and bring them the peace of your faithful presence. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Hope, ***Fill our hearts.***

**Lauren** We commend to your mercy all who have died, those who have died from COVID, and those we now name, silently or aloud . . . *[Pause]* . . . Draw them to you in love, that they may rest in that place where there is no pain or grief. Grant that all of us may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *[Pause]*

Spirit of Mercy, ***Fill our hearts.***

**Landon** Come, O Spirit of God and make within us your dwelling place and home. Yours is the Wisdom that has directed and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

*Please kneel*

## **Mother Judith    The Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand.* The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Hymn**

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

*Kim Stochaj & Beth Stochaj, soloists*

Please stand.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.** And we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to Christ in his self-offering, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, the prayer Our Lord taught us:  
**The Lord's Prayer**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup**

## **Communion Hymn**

*Please stand.*

*Jeff Lukas*

## **Sophie Scrimgeour      Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Let us say together:*

**Holy and Loving God, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living things; fill our lives with the light of your Holy Spirit until they overflow with gladness and gratitude; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A Song for our Graduates**    *Go in Peace*

*Words & Music: keith T. Amano;*

*Arr. Mark Unbehagen*

*Jeff Lukas & Cathy Poch, soloists*

### **Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall softly on you.

and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and the Sanctifier remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**    *Christ in the world we sing*

Hymnal #537

*Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with loving zeal:  
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.*

*Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring with joyful song:  
the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.*

**Dismissal:** Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**Postlude**            *The Priests' March*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*This is a traditional recessional for graduations*