

from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 119:105-112** *Read responsively by half verse*

Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

### **Gradual Music**

### **The Holy Gospel of Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Reader: The Holy Gospel.... All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Palmer Kennedy

### **The Nicene Creed** *Standing, said by all*

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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 heav-

en 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 worshipped 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.*

### **The Prayers of the People Form III**

*Standing, the Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### **The Confession of Sin Remain Standing**

Celebrant: 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 celebrant pronounces absolution.*

### **The Peace**

*In acknowledgement of Christ's Peace, you are invited to bow to one another with your right hand over your heart. Please refrain from all physical contact.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: **And also with you**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Offertory Music**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you All: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*The Celebrant Continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

*The Celebrant continues with preface of the day*

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:

### **The Sanctus Said by all**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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, [in unison]

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,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **At the Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Thanksgiving and Blessing Standing and in unison**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### Recessional Music

#### Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

*Please exit the nave whilst maintaining social distance of six feet.*

#### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Our Vestry and Clergy, Pit Hesterly, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margaret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Tim and Sarah, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Remmel, Rebecca Jayne, Gwen Bernard, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Virginia Bercegeay, Lisa Karre, Yvonne Aitken, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Howard, Ann Dobie, Nagham El Karhili, Pam Capell, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Judy Roberts, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Carolyn Barker, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine McGowen, Linda Weems, Jim, Carol Baker, Charles McGowen, Angela Roy, John Bate-man, Colette House, Arthur White, Sammy, Albert Davis, Lou Ann St. Julien, Thomas, Phyllis Huval, Katherine Atrep, Michael Blevins, Mike Blevins, Maty Blevins, Carli Blevins, Mike and Shirley Godwin, Jan and Charles, David, Thomas Rowe, Theresa, Connie Priest, Corrine, Marci Lecky, Angie Touchet, Dr. Jim Rotchford, Hammy Davis, Lou Oliver, Martha Green, Rodney Ledoux, Ronnie Pendergraft, Mary and Irby Olivier, Farin Gougierez, Beck B., Ann Patin, Nick Georges, Emily Kean, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Josh Menard, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Joyce Harvilchuch, Cassandra Bernard, Lindsay Cutrera, Roslyn Fouin, Chad Vidrine, Andy Andrus, Julie Guidry, Patsy, Linda Weiner, Bill Boston, Allan Voss, Rick Onks, Mark Buddy and Carmina, Kaytin, Diane, Judy Herman, Sterling Lejeune, The Kruger Family, Jane Cabes, Troy LeBoeuf, Kaye Womack, Dave Cheshire, Stephen Casanova, Aubrey Braithwaite, Sylvia Turner, Susie Tucker, Anson Lindsay, Roxanne Myers, friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Leonidas Polk Memorial in Leesville, Trinity in DeRidder, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
C. Buell Close, Jr, Father of Carl Reeves Close*

#### Lector:

8:30 am George Arceneaux  
10:30 am Bryan Groves

#### Acolyte:

#### Ushers:

Music: Tom Lyles, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist, and Emil Ivanov, violin

Summer Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 9 am—1 pm



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## “Let us worship the Lord” standing practices & expectations

### Ascension and Coronavirus201+

We welcome you to worship with us today! As we seek to reduce (not remove) risk to our parishioners, volunteers and staff, the following standards are subject to change as circumstances warrant and shall be normative until further notice.

### Sunday Worship times & order

8:30-9:15 AM  
10:30-11:15 AM

A limit of 90 attendees per service will be admitted. All others will be invited to attend the later service.

Ushers will assign seating per state regulation. Families of the same household may sit together as space allows.

No childcare will be provided until further notice.

**Those considered at risk of COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to worship from home.** The at-risk population is anyone 65 years old or older, and anyone with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system.

**Everyone 3 years of age and older are required to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth,** including clergy. Celebrants of Word and Table will remove masks only when speaking. The State advises, “Children under 2 years of age and individuals who have difficulty breathing should not wear face coverings.” If you have difficulty breathing, stay home.

#### Service modifications include:

**Bulletins** will be available on the pews. Please dispose in recycling bins at the doors when exiting.

**Prayers** be said standing only. No kneeling.

**The Peace of Christ** shall be shared verbally without physical contact. All are encouraged to place their right hand over their heart and bow to acknowledge one another with Christ’s Peace.

**Offering plates** will be stationed at the front and back of the church nave and shall not be touched or moved during the service.

**Communion** bread will be administered by clergy at the chancel steps. Communicants shall wear their mask and remove it after receiving the bread which shall be received in the open palm and consumed before returning to the pew. Please use hand sanitizer after receiving communion.



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### The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

#### Prelude

#### Processional Music

Celebrant: *Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### The Collect for Purity Standing

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 Trisagion

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
All: *Have mercy upon us.*

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.* People: *And also with you.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### First Reading: Roman 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ

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