

her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

**Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17** *said, the People remain seated*

Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \*  
**for I am poor and in misery.**

Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
**save your servant who puts his trust in you.**

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \*  
**I call upon you all the day long.**

Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
**for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \*  
**and great is your love toward all who call upon you.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \*  
**and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
**for you will answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  
**nor anything like your works.**

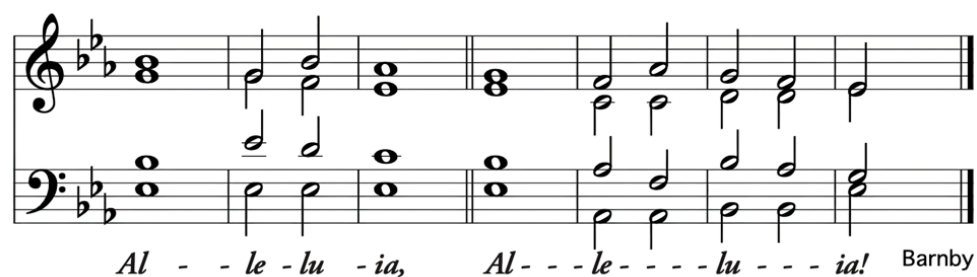
All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, \*  
**and glorify your Name.**

For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
**and you alone are God.**

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
**give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show 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.**

**Alleluia Verse** *all stand*



*Cantor* Alleluia, Alleluia  
*All* Alleluia, Alleluia  
*Cantor* Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
*All* Alleluia, Alleluia

## The Gospel

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel....

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Matthew 10:24-39**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr. Matthew Ainsley

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

BCP 358

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 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.*

## Prayers of the People: Form V

*Deacon or other leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jacob, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 concludes with the absolution.*

**The Peace** *said*

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Sentence

#### Offertory Anthem

*In Christ Alone*  
*Stacy Shumaker, solo*

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#### The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3

Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B.*

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues.*

...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,

*People and Celebrant*

**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:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**The Invitation to Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymns** *For the bread which you have broken* Hymnal 341  
*I come with joy to meet my Lord* Hymnal 304

**Postcommunion Prayer** *Said by all* BCP 366

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.*

**Final Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn** *Christ for the world we sing!* Hymnal 537

**Dismissal** *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People:* Thanks be to God

**Bishop**

*The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.*

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*The Reverend Father Matthew Ainsley*

**Chaplain and Associate for Youth**

*The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg*

**Deacon**

*The Reverend Honey Becker*

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Catherine McGowen, Dorothy Goings, Amber, Pauline, Sandie Jordan, Donald Leger, Jr., Sasha, Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Tom & Jillian, Mark & Frevet, Stephanie, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Mona Coulter, Patricia Coleman, Susan Segura, the family of Randy Morgan, Logan Kisamore, Lois Henry, Carol Gilley, Phil Swift, Lynn Trahan, Valerie Daly, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, David Mills, Susan Davis, Nick Domino, Corey, Charles Swett, Amanda, Michael, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's Cathedral in Shreveport, St. Genevieve Catholic Church, and The Church of South India. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of John Ned Guidry*

*Today we give thanks for all the fathers who guide, protect, and love with patience and strength. Happy Father's Day! We appreciate you today and every day.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday Prayer and Healing Service:** There will be no Wednesday noon service next Wednesday, June 24.

**Summer in the circle:** Join us in the circle drive after the 10 AM service for a light refreshment each Sunday of the summer (June and July)!

**Children's Church:** Children's Church is on pause for the summer but stay tuned for all the summer fun we have planned!!

**Lectors:** Sterling LeJeune

**Ushers:** Kirk Headley and Mike Immel

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## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026  
10:00 AM

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* Hymnal 410

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

**All:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity** BCP 355

**Trisagion** *sung* Hymnal S-102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.

**The Collect of the Day** *the People remain standing*

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

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.*

**The Old Testament** *The People sit.* **Genesis 21:8-21**

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent