The Order of Service: The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2020

Prelude Deep River

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God forever and ever.

Collect for Purity (people muted)
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.

Hymn Amazing grace!

(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2 Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace appeared the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me, his portion be as long as life endures.

New Britain
**Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant*  God be with you.

*People*  And also with you.

*Celebrant*  Let us pray.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Prayer for the Human Family, BCP, 815)*

**A Reading  Genesis 21:8-21 (people muted)**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
The soloist will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Jeremy J. Bankson
Becky Hasquet, Cantor

REFRAIN:

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my own mother’s children. Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me. I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.

REFRAIN

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

REFRAIN

A Reading Romans 6:1b-11 (people muted)

A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Anthem  *There is a Balm in Gilead*  

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s is vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say “He died for all.”

There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
There is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

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**The Gospel  *Matthew 10:24-39 (people muted)***

*Celebrant*  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  

*People*  **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**
Anthem  *No Turning Back*  

Joel Raney

When the storm isragging,  
then the wind it tossing me,  
When the waves start rising  
out on the angry sea,  
Jesus reaches out his hand to  
  lift me from this sinking sand.  
He leads the way, and I will follow.  

Step by step, Jesus leads the way.  
Oh, step by step, close beside me all the way.  
Step by step, every moment, everyday,  
Jesus is there to lead me step by step

I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus.  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.  

Step by step, I’ll follow him  
Step by step, No turning back.

Though none go with me, still, I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

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The Sermon  *(people muted)*  

The Rev. William Barber at Washington National Cathedral  
Framed by the Rev. Jane Gould & the Rev. Nancy Frausto

Silence follows the sermon.

**Affirmation of Faith**  *(people muted)*

*Celebrant*  
Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant*  
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*  
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.

*Celebrant*  
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*  
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.

*Celebrant*  
Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People*  
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*  
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*  
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*  
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*  
I will, with God's help.
Celebrant  Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People  I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant  Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People  I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant  Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People  I will, with God’s help.

Anthem  In Bright Mansions Above  Spiritual, arr. K. Lee Scott
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

In bright mansion about, in bright mansions above,
Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

My mother’s gone to Glory; I want to go there, too.
Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

In bright mansion about, in bright mansions above,
Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

My father’s gone to Glory; I want to go there, too.
Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

In bright mansion about, in bright mansions above,
Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

The Prayers of the People
The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; John Taylor and Diane Jardine Bruce, our bishops; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,
Hear our prayers for the church.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,
Hear our prayers for the world.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts
God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children’s children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts*

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts*

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts*

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts*

**Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*People* Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.
Lord’s Prayer  *(people unmuted)*
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.

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing
Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Peace

*Celebrant*  The peace of Christ be always with you.
*People*    And also with you.

Postlude  *Intermezzo in A, Op. 118, No. 2*  
Johannes Brahms
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