

The Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 5B)

June 6, 2021 May 23, 2021

Online

The Liturgy of the Word

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

A Song of Praise *Canticle 13*

One Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears; *
All **you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

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

The Collect of the Day

One God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Gospel *Mark 3:20-35*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Drew Downs

The Prayers of the People

Ormonde Plater, adapted

Deacon As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us do the will of God by interceding in a spirit of faith for the needs of all.

One For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of the Province of Myanmar,
our companion dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
Waycross Camp and Conference Center,
its Director, Camp Counselors, Staff and Campers,
All clergy in hospital chaplaincy, including The Rev. Mary Bargiel,
our 7th Street church neighbors,

and for the unity of all.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

Lord, have mercy.

For all that is good and bountiful for the world.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering,
the hungry and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have asked our prayers:

Martha Hafner, Ellie Thomas, Tim Ghogle (visiting his family in India),
Andrew Miller;
Jimmy McKellar (Rose Down's father), and Lorna Priddy (sister of Alex
Vincent, Christine Chillington's fiancée).

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love:

those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,
especially Beth (Myers) Woodall (6/8),
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries, especially Mary Conrad (6/6),
Kathryn Loeser (6/6), John Gedrick (6/8), James Hunter (6/9), David Mier
(6/9), Mary Ruth Mier (6/9), Douglas Carl (6/9), and Sheila Carl (6/9),
those celebrating marriage anniversaries,
especially Ruth and Gordon Itamura (6/7),
those celebrating anniversaries of their ordination to the diaconate,
John Gedrick (June 5, 2004), Joseph Rickards (June 11, 1959),
and Chip Chillington (June 9, 1983),
and The Rev. Dr. Joanna Benskin, ordained to the priesthood yesterday.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider

God, who raised your Son from the dead, hear the prayers we offer this day,
renew the world to its true nature, and bring us into your presence; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Confession of Sin (from “Enriching Our Worship”)

You may kneel or stand as you choose and are able

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Deacon God of all mercy,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Blessing

Celebrant God’s Blessing be with you,
Christ’s peace be with you,
the Spirit’s outpouring be with you,
now and always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All **Thanks be to God!**



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