

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 13, 2021**

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening hymn	<i>Christ for the world we sing</i>	537 (hymnal)
Penitential Rite		351 (prayer book)
Hymn of Praise		822 (WLP)

Through north and south and east and west

May God's immortal name be blessed:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Till ev'rywhere beneath the sun,  
God's reign begins; God's will is done:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Collect of the Day	230 (prayer book)
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I reading— Ezekiel 17:22-24

Reader: A reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
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,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble 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 bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;  
On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.  
For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.  
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;  
That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

II reading— 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Reader: A reading from Second Corinthians

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for 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 the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel— Mark 4:26-34

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

**People: Glory to you, O Christ**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 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 greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
The Nicene Creed		358 (prayer book)
Prayers of the People		
Anthem	<i>Father we thank thee who has planted</i>	302 (hymnal)
The Lord’s Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)
Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Blessed assurance</i>	7 (purple book)
Dismissal		366 (prayer book)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant*

Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

*Leader*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our bishop, Cathy our rector; for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy.

*Hear our prayer.*

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy.

*Hear our prayer.*

For abundant fruits of the earth and for this good and bountiful world.

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy.  
*Hear our prayer.*

For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love especially Bill Mercer and Sonia Wyman

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy.  
*People Hear our prayer.*

For all those in desperate need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Andy Darrohn, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Judy Wolf, Renny Martin, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, Frank, Liz and those we now name with our lips or in our hearts.

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy.  
*Hear our prayer.*

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially Jayce Diaz.

For those concerns you bring before God this day

*silence*

Lord, in your mercy.  
*Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with 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.*

*Celebrant.*

God of eternal life, you built a house of faithful people: Have mercy on all who gather in your name and grant our prayers for all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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