

SERVICE OF THE WORD The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 12, 2020 B Bishop P Preacher A Assisting Minister G All

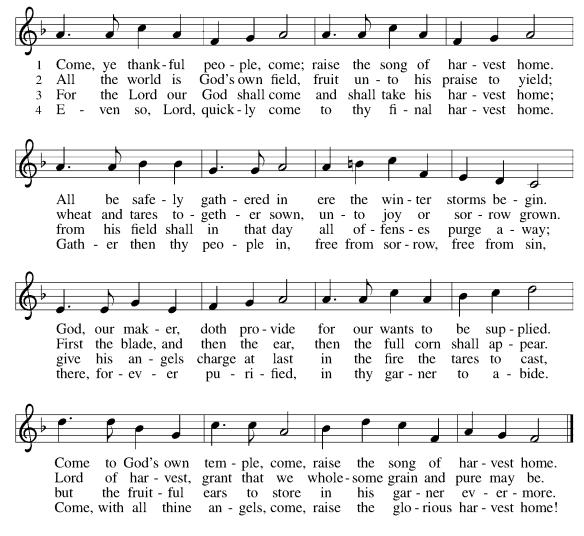
Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism:

- B We gather as we live: in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- B Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- B Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- G we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- B God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- **C** Amen.

Come, Ye, Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

#### Greeting & Prayer of the Day

**B** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### **G** And also with you.

**B** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen.

First Reading	Isaiah 55:10-13
A reading from the prophet Isaiah: <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,	
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,	
making it bring forth and sprout,	
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,	
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;	
it shall not return to me empty,	
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,	
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.	
<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy,	
and be led back in peace;	
the mountains and the hills before you	
shall burst into song,	
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.	
<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;	
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;	
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,	
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.	

# A Word of God, word of life.C Thanks be to God.



Music: Caribbean traditional

# *Gospel*P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.C Glory to you, O Lord.

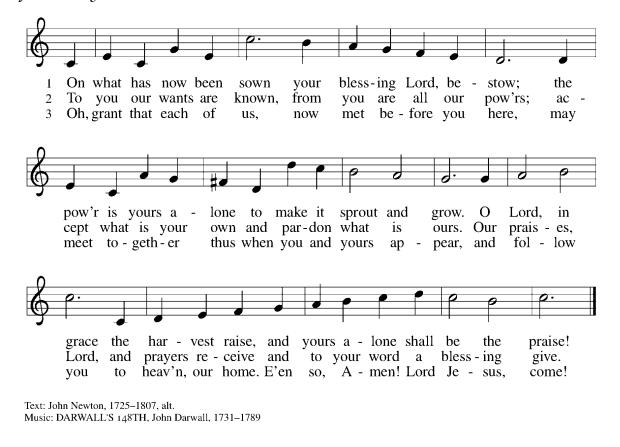
<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon



#### Apostles' Creed

A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

- Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.
- A Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations locally and around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

# **G** Your mercy is great.

▲ Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

# **G** Your mercy is great.

A Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

# **G** Your mercy is great.

- Abiding God, care for all who are in need, especially for those near to us that we lift aloud, in the silence of our hearts or share with this community online using the hashtag, #demdprays. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.
- **G** Your mercy is great.

▲ Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries of compassion and care for others and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

## **G** Your mercy is great.

A Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

### **G** Your mercy is great.

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **C** Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

A Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

### **G** 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, forever and ever. Amen. Thanksgiving for the Word

**B** Let us give thanks for the Word.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

# **G** Amen.

# Blessing

- B Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can, and may the blessing of God: Father, Son + and Holy Spirit abide in you and through you, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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*Dismissal*A Go in peace. Christ is with you.C Thanks be to God!

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