

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 a.m.

July 12, 2020



*"Listen! A sower went out to sow."*

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE  
OF FORT WORTH

July 12, 2020

The Liturgy of the Word 10:00 a.m.

## Prelude

*The People stand for the*

### Processional Hymn

*We're Marching to Zion* LEVAS (p. 9

leaflet)

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

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 of Praise

HYMN S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

*The People sit for*

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Lector*      The word of God for the people of God.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 119:105-112** *(Recite in unison)*

**105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.**

**106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.**

**107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**

**108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.**

**109 My life is always in my hand, \***

yet I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

**111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
forever and to the end.**

## **The Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader*      The word of God for the people of God      *People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**      *Softly and tenderly*      LEVAS      (p. 11 leaflet)

*The People stand*

## **The Gospel Proclamation**

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9, 18-23)  
*People*      **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 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. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 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. 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. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Karen Calafat

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People** Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

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

For the guests worshipping with us today, and for people everywhere seeking a community of faith. *Silence*

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and Betsy our Mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, and for those in command of the military and all who serve. *Silence*

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Scott, our Bishop. *Silence*

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We commend to you all who have requested our prayer \_\_\_\_\_ . *Silence*

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

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

*Celebrant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,  
*All* **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.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Blessing**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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## We're Marching to Zion

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be  
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our  
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred  
 4. Then let our songs a-bound, And ev - 'ry tear be

known, Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join  
 God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But  
 sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be -  
 dry; We're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're

in a song with sweet ac - cord, And thus sur -  
 chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, May speak their  
 fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the  
 march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, To fair - er

1. And thus sur-round the
2. May speak their joys a -
3. Or walk the gold - en
4. To fair - er worlds on

round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.  
 joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
 gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
 worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.

throne, And thus sur - round the throne.  
 broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
 streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
 high, To fair - er worlds on high.

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful,  
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

beau - ti - ful Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to

Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.  
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

## Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,



Call - ing for you and for me; See, on the  
 Plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we  
 Pass - ing from you and from me; Shad - ows are  
 Prom - ised for you and for me; Though we have



por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,  
 gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,  
 sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,



Watch - ing for you and for me.  
 Mer - cies for you and for me?  
 Com - ing for you and for me.  
 Par - don for you and for me.



Come home, come home, Ye who are wea - ry, come



home; Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing— Call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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