

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2020 10:00 AM

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; invite God into your home.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

10:00AM

Prelude

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Welcome

Good morning. I am the Interim Rector of Christ Church here in Aspen. We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you with us, whether you are here in person or joining us online. The bulletin for our service of Morning Prayer can be found at christchurchaspen.org. Click on “View Service Handouts” and go to today’s date.

Officiant: “Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.” (Psalm 43:3) - BCP, p 78

Confession of Sin (*Officiant*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Officiant & People)

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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

Come let us adore him.

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Rev. Peter Munson

Praise to the Lord, Almighty, arr. Heather Sorenson

A Reading from the Book of Psalm (Psalm 65)

Charlotte Triplehorn

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, *but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, *for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, *and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:1-11)

Charlotte Triplehorn

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 the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Third Song of Isaiah (BCP, p.87)

Charlotte Triplehorn

Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *

by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *

ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *

and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *

by night you will not need the brightness of the moon

The Lord will be your everlasting light, *

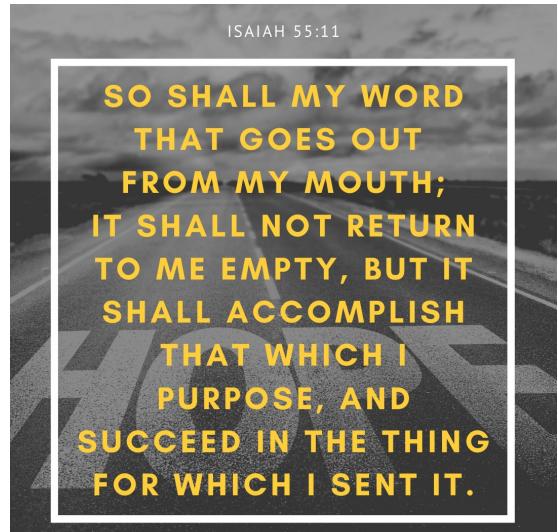
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.



A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

The Rev. Peter Munson

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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Munson

Let us say together the Apostles Creed

BCP, p. 96

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

Announcements

Offertory Music

O Great God based on Rachmaninoff's Piano Concert No. 2 Air, Arr. Faye Lopez

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The Prayers

Let us pray

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.

Suffrages - Set B Let us Pray together (BCP, p. 98)

Charlotte Triplehorn

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you; We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today; Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy; For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope; And we shall never hope in vain

A Prayer for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Peter Munson

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 for ever. Amen

A Prayer for Social Justice (BCP, p.823)

The Rev. Peter Munson

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Mission (BCP, p100)

The Rev. Peter Munson

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayers

Let us pray for our family and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

Charlotte Triplehorn

Prayer list Names:

Christ Episcopal Church Members: Phyllis, The family and friends of John Koch, Jan, Bob & Marsha, George, Margo & Keith, Veronica, BobbiAnn, John, Kim, Tom, Bob, All those serving their country, the young people and students of Aspen

Friends and Family of CEC Members: Don, Ruben, Dolly, Campbell, Jack, Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Harrison, Charlie, Elizabeth, Beverly, Jocelyn, Henry, Annie, Otto

We pray for healing for Jan Blaich, who is recovering from surgery on June 24.

We pray for healing for Phyllis Townsend, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery on June 30.

We pray for the health and well-being of all of our members and visitors, as we resume in-person worship and continue our online worship.

For the doctors, nurses and first responders in the Roaring Fork Valley and throughout the world, as they combat the coronavirus pandemic, and for all those who are suffering with the coronavirus.

We pray for the thousands of souls who have died from the coronavirus around the world this week.

Help us, O Lord, to work for justice for all of God's people. Help us to live into our baptismal vows by seeking and serving Christ in all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Let Us Pray for Christ Church

Charlotte Triplehorn

Father, we thank you for loving us and living through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you. At this time of transition for Christ Church, we ask for your help in discerning your will in making decisions to strengthen and grow our church, to your glory. Help us to be attentive to one another, respecting your desires for our church so that we may be unified in our mission. We pray for your guidance as we seek to become the Christian community we wish us to be. We offer these prayers in the name of our Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of General Thanksgiving

The Rev. Peter Munson

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

Postlude

Jesus Is Lord, Arr. James Koerts

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