

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 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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RITE II, MORNING PRAYER

All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name, arr. Brad Nix

Welcome

The Rev. Peter Munson

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: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord.

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.

Jubilate

The Rev Peter. Munson

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

A Reading from the Book of Psalm (Psalm 139 1-11,22-23)

Warren Klug

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (Genesis 28:10-19a)

Warren Klug

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Second Song of Isaiah

Warren Klug

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *

nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *

and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

The Rev. Peter Munson

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

***Nearer My God To Thee*, Arr. Dan Forrest**

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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 A Let us Pray together

Warren Klug

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care; **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth; **Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A Prayer for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Peter Munson

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

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

Warren Klug

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

Prayer list Names:

Christ Episcopal Church Members: Phyllis, 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: Nancy, Jack, Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Harrison, Charlie, Elizabeth, Beverly, Jocelyn, Henry, Annie, Otto

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ruben, who died on July 14. May you welcome Ruben into your kingdom, O Lord.

We pray for Jan Blaich, who is having surgery on July 22.

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

We pray healing for Nancy Sweet, the sister-in-law of Diana Rumsey, who had surgery on July 15.

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

Let Us Pray for Christ Church

Warren Klug

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 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 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.***

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

Postlude

Satisfied, Arr. Lloyd Larson

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