

**A Service for the Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Opening Hymn

Abbot's Leigh

The Rev. Douglas Beck

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Opening Acclamation

The Rev. Dana Stivers

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

Song of Praise

Violet Holbrook

The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing

Tim Reaburn

O WALY WALY
Traditional English, harm. CJ Redden-Liotta

1., 5. Re - lig - ion, cul - ture, creed and race each hu - man spir - it and each face
2. And take a - way a new found song, a new found voice to act on wrongs.
3. A peo - ple stand, a peo - ple call: come ga - ther here and wel - come all.
4. And chains will fall, the shack - les break, the earth will rise, and pow - ers quake,

we cel - e - brate, we dance and sing the tal - ents here each one might bring.
To trust, to heal, to help us cope, to stand as one, re - new - ing hope.
Di - ver - si - fy and cel - e - brate that hope - less - ness is not our fate.
just - ice will roll, and free - dom sing, the dove will fly on men - ded wing.

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Prayer For the Human Family

*The Most Rev. Michael Curry,
Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church*

The Collect of the Day

The Rev. Lauren Kay

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13

Thurl Headen

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Exaudiat te Dominus

- 1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

Pal Covie

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.

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!

The Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The Rev. Kit Wang

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

Glory to you, Lord 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

The Nicene Creed

John Hennessey

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 II

Jim Biernat and Abby Stivers

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Thomas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of the whole human family. Let us marvel at the expansiveness of God's creation and delight in the diversity of all God's people in all of the identities and bodies in which they encompass. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, the marginalized, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may know God's boundless, overflowing love.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Especially in this Pride Month, we lift up the spirits who were trailblazers in the work for justice, equality and peace. Who fought and sacrificed in order to effect change in the hearts and minds of people and in the Church. We lament the injustices faced by these spirits and the continued injustices faced by LGBTQI people in our communities and across the globe today. May God stir up in us the same energy as held by the trailblazers, so that we may continue their work. So that we seek, in our lives and in our parishes, to dismantle racism, white supremacy, homophobia, transphobia, and any other legacies of oppression that divide us from one another.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Confession and Absolution

From *Enriching our Worship*

The Rev. Cn. Lisa Fry

The Rev. Gwen Fry

Let us confess our sins to God

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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.*

The Peace

The Rev. Sara Gavit

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

The Great Thanksgiving

The Rev. Thom Rock

Eucharistic Prayer A
Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you

and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Rev. Dana Stivers

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Rev. Thom Rock

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The Rev. Thomas Mousin

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly the faithful of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all

the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain - bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
 2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
 3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
 4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
 head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
 Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.
 Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
 so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
 Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
 May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
 var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
 long - ing for the end of con - flict, and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
 and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

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Prayer of Thanks and Mission

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Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood,
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Dismissal

The Rev. Deacon Ann Mcalhany

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Excerpts from Toccata on "All You Need is Love"
(John Lennon and Paul McCartney, arr. Paul Ayres)

Robert Ludwig

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