

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021**

PRELUDE – JOHN HARE

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS – ZOOM HOST

OPENING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem-er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He speaks; and, lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5. Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice-less ones, your loosened tongues em - ploy;
the glo - ries of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon-ors of thy Name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum-ble poor be - lieve.
ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6. Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above
the Church in earth and heaven.

CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Officiant: 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.*

TRISAGION

*Officiant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,*

People: Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON— 1 SAMUEL 17: 1A, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49

Reader: A Reading from the book of First Samuel.

The Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

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

THE RESPONSE— PSALM 9:9-20 *Confitebor tibi (Led by Celebrant)*

⁹ The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.

¹⁰ **Those who know your Name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.**

¹¹ Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion;
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

¹² **The Avenger of blood will remember them;
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

¹³ Have pity on me, O LORD;
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

¹⁴ **So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation
in the gates of the city of Zion.**

¹⁵ The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug,
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

¹⁶ **The LORD is known by his acts of justice;
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.**

¹⁷ The wicked shall be given over to the grave,
and also all the peoples that forget God.

¹⁸ **For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.**

¹⁹ Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand;
let them be judged before you.

²⁰ **Put fear upon them, O LORD;
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON— 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

Reader: *A Reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.*

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
2. O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide, till the storm of life be past;
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring;
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee:

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
cov - er my de - fenseless head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE GOSPEL—MARK 4:35-41

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no

faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON – ELIZABETH BICKLEY

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.
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 /INTERCESSORY PRAYER (III)

Leader: *Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;*
People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: *Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*
People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: *We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*
People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: *We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Leader: *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*
People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Leader: *Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Leader: *For all who suffer from the coronavirus and all who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.*
People: **Lord have mercy.**
Leader: *Where there is racial injustice, discrimination, or violence, make us instruments of your love.*
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
Leader: *Give to the departed eternal rest.*
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Leader: *We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Leader: *Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*
(Prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings may be added.)

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

*All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; St. Ann's, Old Lyme;
Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers.*

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of North India.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*
(Silence may be kept)

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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Priest: *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

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

(The altar is prepared by Celebrant.)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 Lord 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 he 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:

All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(The Celebrant receives the Sacrament and then offers Communion to those gathered in the church.

Instructions will be given by Celebrant.)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need thee ev-ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need thee ev-ery hour, stay thou near by;
3. I need thee ev-ery hour, in joy or pain;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
come quick - ly and a - bid, or life is vain.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee.

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to thee.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to His feet thy tri - bute bring;
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to His peo - ple in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame He knows;
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; ye be - hold Him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more His prais - es sing:
praise Him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in His hand He gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing the sacrament, that those to whom you go may share with us in this Holy Communion.
We, who are many, are one body, because we are all part of the Body of Christ.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease;
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—PAUL SMITH

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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OUR PREACHER TODAY

We are pleased to welcome **Elizabeth Bickley** for our sermon today. As an identical twin, Elizabeth learned about the importance and necessity of sharing space with others since the womb. Unsurprisingly, Elizabeth is passionate about caring well for the environments we share: from community gardens to the regional watershed to urban streets to cultural heritage sites to God's incoming kingdom being established here on earth. For Town Green District in Downtown New Haven, she works as Manager of Public Space Planning & Development and oversees capital improvements and public art projects. For two years, she served as Building and Grounds Chair for St. John's Episcopal Church, which has been a house of worship in New Haven for five generations. In 2018, she earned her master's in religion and material culture from Yale Divinity School.

RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY

- Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist Rite II
- The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>
- Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer
- The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer
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