



SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021



3RD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

"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." *Mark 4:31-31*

## Morning Prayer

*We Praise You, O God MV 61*

*We praise you, O God, with all of our hearts.  
With all the earth we will sing your praises.*

### *Announcements*

Lord, open our lips, **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Worship the Lord VU 401*

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!*

*Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing,  
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one!  
Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!*

*Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing:  
we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one!  
Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!*

*Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,  
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one!  
Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!*

*Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, O Father, to offer our living,  
seeing a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one!  
Worship the Lord (worship the Lord) worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!*

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

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving

**and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.**

For you, O Lord, are a great God, and a great sovereign above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have moulded the dry land.

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

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

### Psalm 20

The musical score for Psalm 20 is presented in two systems. The first system begins with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly One, in - to your hands we com -". Above the staff, guitar chords are indicated: C, (F6), C, and (Am/C). The second system continues with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "mit our - selves and our work for peace and jus - tice." Above the staff, guitar chords are indicated: Am, Dm7, G6, G7, Csus4, and C. The score uses a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords held across measures.

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,  
**the name of the God of Jacob defend you;**  
send you help from the holy place of the Lord  
**and strengthen you out of Zion;**  
remember all your offerings  
**and accept your burnt sacrifice;**  
grant you your heart's desire  
**and prosper all your plans.**  
We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God;  
**may the Lord grant all your requests. R**

Now I know that you, O Lord, give victory to your anointed,  
**whom you will answer out of the heavenly realms  
with the victorious strength of your mighty hand.**  
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,  
**but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.**  
They collapse and fall down,  
**but we will arise and stand upright.**  
O Lord, give victory to your anointed  
**and answer us when we call. RR**

### ***1 Samuel 15:34-16:13***

Then 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.

Listen for God’s word. **Our hearts are open.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.**

### ***2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17***

So 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 judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 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!

Listen for God’s word. **Our hearts are open.**

### ***The Love of Jesus Calls Us CP 434***

***The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God’s many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.***

*The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.*

*The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more; for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.*

*The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.*

**Mark 4:26-34**

He also 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.

Listen for God's word. **Our hearts are open.**

*Sermon*

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever; **for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.**

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; **you are sovereign, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.**

Riches and honour come from you **and you rule over all.**

In your hand are power and might; **yours it is to give power and strength to all.**

And now we give you thanks, our God, **and praise your glorious name.**

For all things come from you, **and of your own have we given you.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.**

The second is like it:

**Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

*For the Fruit of All Creation CP 259*

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

*Stewardship moment*

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.

**Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.

**Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

**Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.

**Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit.

**Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*

- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.*

Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving one. May your life-giving Spirit re-create us in your image and shape us into your purposes, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us, **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 forever. Amen.**

***You Are Salt for the Earth CP 502***

***You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O People: life in the kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

***You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

***You are the seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

***We are a blest and a pilgrim people bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our home-land: love is the kingdom of God!  
Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!***

*Blessing*

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – June 20, 2021

**4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41