

Sunday,
June 6, 2021



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer

I Praise You, O God MV 61

*I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.
With all the earth I 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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King CP 379

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, life up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!*

*Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, life up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, life up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!*

*He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, life up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

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 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,

when they have heard the words of your mouth. R

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,

that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though you are high, you care for the lowly;

you perceive the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your mighty hand shall save me.

O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;

your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. RR

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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

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

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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 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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For the Healing of the Nations CP 576

***For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.***

***Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.***

***All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice, may we hallow life’s brief span.***

***You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.***

Mark 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom

cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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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.

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky MV 143 (tune CP 401)

***We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.***

***With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.***

***When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning,***

***God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbour.***

***God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.***

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.*

God of the unexpected, you take what is old and make it new, and what is dead and bring it to life; you take our false expectations and transform them into your truth. Help us to accept the challenge of your call, so that, trusting in your promise, we journey by faith in 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.

God of Grace and God of Glory CP 577

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail ourselves and thee, lest we fail ourselves and thee.*

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 13, 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34