

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 6, Tract 1

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.
John 4:24

Let us confess our sins to God. (*Enriching Our Worship I, p. 19*)

All 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.

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore ever. Amen.

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:

People O come let us worship.

Invitatory

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I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will bless the Lord at all times; Let the humble hear and rejoice in their heart.

|G - D - |A - Bm - |G - D - |G A D - ||

Proclaim the goodness of our God; together let us all praise God's Name.

Come and know the goodness of our God; happy are they who trust in the Lord,
happy are they who trust in the Lord.

Text: Ps 34:1-2, vs 2, DLV Music: DLV

Psalm 20 (*The Saint Helena Psalter, p. 25-26*)

1 May the Most High answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from the 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 Most High grant all your requests.
6 Now I know that God gives victory to the anointed one; *
 out of the holy heaven God will answer,
 with a strong and victorious 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 God, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

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!

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Gospel Hymn

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Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
We sing your praise, and we bless your name.
One with Christ and the Spirit, true.
We sing your praise, and we bless your name.
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A reading from Mark 4:26-34

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.

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Reflection:

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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D - | - - | Bm - | - - | G - | A - | D - | G - | D - | - - |

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and save us from evil. For yours' is the kingdom, power, and the glory, now and for ever more. Amen.

Suffrages For Use in Morning Prayer (*Enriching our Worship 1, p. 42*)

Help us, O God our Savior;
Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.
Declare your glory among the nations;
And your wonders among all peoples.
Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Never forget the lives of your poor.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
And your favor to those who are true of heart.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

A Collect for Proper 6

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.*

A Collect for the Human Family (BCP, p. 815)

Oh, God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and peoples may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission (BCP, p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings. Say them in silence or aloud or written in the chat box on this page.

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|A -- |G -- |A -- |F#m -- |Bm -- |G -- |A -- |D – G |D -- ||
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord look with favor upon you.
May the Lord be your guide and walk by your side.
May the Lord bless you. *Amen.*

And as our time is now ending,
may the love of our God be your blessing.
May the roads that you roam always lead you back home.
May the Lord bless you. *Amen.*

Versicle and Response

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.