

# *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

## *July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn #505 *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Opening Prayer

By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

In our praying, in our singing, in our listening, in our learning,  
**Open our hearts and minds to Your Spirit;  
And sustain us with your never-ending love.  
Amen**

Children's Talk

***The Proclamation of the Word***

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12B-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty-thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with

all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

**Refrain** Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices;  
The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations;  
God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.

Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?  
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.

They shall receive forgiveness, and have God's blessing  
if they will search for God, their Saviour confessing. **Refrain**

Come lift your voices high, be lifted to glory  
the Lord our God approaches, come, shout the story.

Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?  
We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating. **Refrain**

Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;  
the King of glory come in full might and power.

Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?  
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *Listen, God is Calling*

**Refrain** Listen, God is calling through the word inviting offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1. Jesus gave his mandate - share the good news. That he came to save us and set us free.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:14-29).

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Gradual Hymn: *Listen, God is Calling*

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2. Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

Sermon

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The Apostle's Creed

**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 power of 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.**

***Intercessions and Thanksgivings***

Dear friends in Christ, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Collect***

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

Goodness is stronger than evil.  
Love is stronger than hate.  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death;  
vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
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Postlude

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.*

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