



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after  
Pentecost

July 19, 2020

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*Please continue to care for yourself and your neighbor  
by wearing your mask and maintaining safe social distancing  
during worship.*

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## Confession

*P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**C: Amen**

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

*P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

*A: Almighty God, merciful Father:*

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

# Prelude Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

# Psalm of Praise

*P: O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.*

**C: The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has revealed God's righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*God remembers his steadfast love and faithfulness . . .*

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;*

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

*Sing praises to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of melody.*

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.*

**Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord,**

*for he is coming to redeem the earth.*

**God will rule the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

# Prayer of the Day

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Almighty God, at times life seems perilous, with terrible things happening all around. Renew Your Spirit in us that we will not be driven to action out of terror or despair, but, in the confidence of Your presence and purpose, guide us to acts of peace, hope and faithfulness. Trusting in the unconquerable work of Jesus we pray in His blessed name. Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn

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*1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;*  
**for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.**  
*God's power and glory in Jesus we know*  
**and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

*2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;*  
**the captives are freed, the sinners find place,**  
*the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;*  
**and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

*3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:*  
**believe the good news, repent and rejoice!**  
*His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:*  
**our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

*4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;*  
**in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.**  
*The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call*  
**and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

## Lesson

## Revelation 14

*John spoke of his vision, saying:* Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live\* on the earth to every nation and tribe and language and people.

He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Then another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has made all nations drink of the wine of the

wrath of her fornication."

Then another angel, a third, followed them, crying with a loud voice, "Those who worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or on their hands, they will also drink the wine of God's wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and they will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever.

There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name."

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand!

Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."

So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Psal m

Psal m 81

*Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!*

**There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.**

*I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.*

**"But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.**

*So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.*

**O that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!**

*Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,  
and turn my hand against their foes.*

**Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,  
and their doom would last forever.**

*I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."*

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### **The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds**

While Jesus was still on the boat and the crowd was gathered on the beach he told them a second parable.

"The "Kingdom of the Heavens" can be compared to a farmer who planted good seeds in his field. But, then, while everyone on the farm was sleeping, an enemy snuck onto the fields and planted weeds among the wheat and then left without a trace. Weeks later when the wheat came up and the heads of grain were developing, the weeds came up, too. Baffled by this, the farm workers went to the owner of the farm and asked, 'Hey Boss, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then what happened? Where did these weeds come from?'

The Farmer replied, 'My enemy has done this.'

So, the farm workers said to the farmer, 'Ok. Well, do want us to go out into the fields and pull out the weeds?'

The farmer answered, 'Absolutely not! If you try to pull out the weeds you will also pull up the wheat! Instead, we will let both the weeds and the wheat grow until the harvest. Then, at that critical moment I will tell the harvesters, 'Now collect the weeds and bind them into bundles to be burned. Then go and gather the wheat and put it into my barn.'"

Later in the day when the crowds had left the beach Jesus went back into the house where he was staying.

There, his disciples came over and said, "We want you to explain the parable of "The Weeds of the Field" to us."

So Jesus replied, "The farmer who planted the good seed is the Son of Man and the field is the world. The "good seed" are the children of the

“Kingdom of the Heavens.” The weeds are the children of the evil one. The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the ingathering at the culmination of this age. The harvesters are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds were collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the ingathering at the end of this age: the Son of Man will send out his angels and they will collect out of his kingdom all those who work against the Gospel and all those who work against God and throw them into the furnace of fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Afterward, the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears be listening!

*P: The Gospel of the Lord!*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

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*Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

*When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.*

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

*When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.*

**Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

Offering is Presented

Offertory Prayer

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: In thanks for all the blessing of life, for work and rest, for food and shelter, for love and laughter, for beauty and harmony, we return these offerings to You, O God. We pray that our thanks is pleasing in Your sight, that what we offer is used again for sustenance and growth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Prayers

The LORD'S Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal

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Grace's Congregation Council has affirmed that Grace will be following the new NYForward Phase requirements, maintaining the closure of the building other than for Sunday Worship and cancelling and postponing all Grace Events at least until the Mid-Hudson Region reaches Phase 4. Grace will continue to abide by the requirements for Mask-wearing and Social Distancing imposed by NY State.

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