

*Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place*  
=== *Morning Prayer* ===  
*The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost: July 11, 2021*  
*The Season of Pentecost*  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Hymnal #436, “Lift Up Your Heads,” v. 1 & 4

Verse 1:

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

Verse 4:

Redeemer come! I open wide  
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

Officiant     The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.  
*Habakkuk 2:20*

Officiant     Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 neighbors 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.*

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

Officiant     Lord, open our lips.

*Response    And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*All            Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant     The earth is the Lord’s for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**Venite**     *Psalm 95:1-7   Venite, exultemus*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

**Psalm**    *Psalm 24    Domini est terra*  
*A Reader leads the recitation*  
***Reader and People together***

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.*

*For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.*

*"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? " \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"*

*"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.*

*They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."*

*Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.*

*Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.*

*"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."*

*Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.*

*"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **The Old Testament – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19**

*Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.*

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 Obed-edom 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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

***Response Thanks be to God.***

## **The Epistle – Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Reader: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.*

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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

***Response Thanks be to God.***

**\*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia**

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**The Gospel – Mark 6:14-29**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, 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 Salome 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.

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

**Response** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection – Rev. Lois**

**18 A Song to the Lamb** *Dignus es Revelation 4:11;5:9-10,13*

*A Reader leads the canticle recitation*

**Reader and People together.**

*Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;*

*And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.*

*And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

*Reader and People together*

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
We 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.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant    *The Lord be with you.*

*Response*    *And also with you.*

Officiant    *Let us pray.*

*All*            *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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage B**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.) :*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Doxology**

**All Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Reader:* Glorious God, your Word confirms that we further your kingdom when we show kindness and compassion to another person. We pray that Jesus' life and teaching may be our example for sharing intentionally our talents, prayers, time, and offerings. We humbly give these offerings to Christ the Lord Church as an expression of our faith. **Amen.**

*At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Officiant: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for our Country**

*Reader:* Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly entreat you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations

of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, allow not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Oppressed**

*Reader:* Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

*Reader:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom [KRIS-us-tum]

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn – Gather #482, “The God Who Sends Us Forth,” v. 1 & 3

### Verse 1:

The God who sends us forth,  
united in our pray’r,  
Has strengthened us and tended us  
with shepherd’s care.  
God’s Jesus makes us bold,  
his body is our bread;  
His wine of life is fullness  
for the road ahead.

### Verse 3:

So let us bless our God,  
the sender and the one,  
And let us bless the servant,  
Jesus Christ the Son.  
The Spirit let us thank,  
whose love is bright indeed,  
Who lights a gentle pathway  
for a world in need.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Announcements

Don’t forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!  
Check your email from Sandy for details.

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