

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
=== **Morning Prayer** ===  
**The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost: July 12, 2020**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

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

**Opening Hymn** – Hymnal #427, “When Morning Gilds the Skies,” v. 1 & 5

Verse 1:

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart, awaking, cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 5:

Sing, suns and stars of space,  
sing, ye that see his face,  
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!  
God’s whole creation o’er,  
both now and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Officiant Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalm 105:1*

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, Officiant, 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 65: (1-8), 9-14 Te decet hymnus

*A Reader leads the recitation*

*Reader, Officiant, and People together*

*You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \**

*to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.*

*To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.*

*Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.*

*Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \**

*they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.*

*Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \**

*O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.*

*You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.*

*You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.*

*Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.*

*You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.*

*You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.*

*You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.*

*You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.*

*May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.*

*May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.*

*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 – Isaiah 55:10-13**

*Reader:*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Epistle – Romans 8:1-11

*Reader:*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*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!

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## The Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil

and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Officiant     The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**A Reflection** – Rev. Lois

**12 A Song of Creation**   *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*  
                                  *Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

*Reader and People, responsively.*

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
          *O whales and all that move in the waters.*  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
          *and all you flocks and herds.*  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
          *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
*praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
*praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
*praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
*praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
*praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

*Reader, Officiant, 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.

*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.**

*Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

Officiant 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 Social Justice**

*Reader:* Almighty God, who has created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving**  
*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we you 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** – Hymnal #490, “I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light,” v. 1 & 2

Verse 1:

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2:

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*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



Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the live-streaming service,  
10:30 am, through Zoom!

Check your email from Sandy for details.