



St. John's Episcopal Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MORNING PRAYER RITE II JUNE 21, 2020 10:00 AM

Voluntary

Entrance Hymn 524, vv. 1-3 (*Sung by all*)

I love thy kingdom, Lord

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

The Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Song of Praise (*Sung twice by all*)

Praise the Lord

Cameroon traditional

Praise, praise, praise the Lord. Praise God's Holy name. Alleluia. (*Repeat*)

Praise God's Holy Name, Alleluia, Praise God's Holy Name. Alleluia. (*Repeat*)

The First Lesson Genesis 21:8-14, 20-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 530, vv. 1-4 (*Sung by all*)

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.

The Second Lesson Matthew 10:28-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Homily

The Sermon

The Reverend Wallace Marsh

The Apostles' Creed *(Said by all)*

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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, Stephen Mitchell, Kay McNab, Doug Fields, Diane White, Bonnie McHugh, Ralph Turner, and those with Coronavirus.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud, at home or in the Facebook Live chat screen.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Remembering our fathers and those who have nurtured us, we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King, and praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant concludes with the absolution of sin.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Day by Day
Sarah Wolff, soprano

Martin How

You can make your offering to God a few different ways:

1. *You can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56*
2. *You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Donate button on the top-right of the homepage.*
3. *You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301.*
4. *If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

The Lord's Prayer *(Said by all)*

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.

Prayer for the Human Family *(Said by all)*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole 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 races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 537 *(Sung by all)*

Christ for the world we sing!

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Flower dedications

In loving memory of Julian Proctor, Sr., by his children

In honor of the wedding anniversary of Martha A. Fields and Michael M. Fields