**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**July 20th, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**PRELUDE:**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *Almighty Father Strong to Save #579*

1. *Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*
2. *O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o’er which our traffic runs amain by mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, they people go, protect them by thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.*
3. *O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament; O Wind of heaven, by thy might save all who dare the eagle’s flight, and keep them by thy watchful care from every peril in the air.*

**WELCOME: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth**

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

**Everyone:** and Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Priest: 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.

**Everyone:** ***Amen.***

EVERYONE: ***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!***

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Everyone: **And also, with you.**

Priest:Let us pray

Priest: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen****.*

*Priest: Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

**THE LESSONS**1st LESSON**:** Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader: Here ends a reading from the Book of Genesis.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 15

*Let us read it responsively by full verse.*

Reader: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Response: Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.**

Reader: There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**Response: In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

Reader: He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

**Response: He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

Reader: Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

Reader: Here ends a reading from the Psalms.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: Here ends the reading from the book of Colossians.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *Good Christians All Rejoice! #205*

1. *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. *The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way: let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
3. *Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Priest/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

**The Gospel**: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

**Everyone: Praise to you Lord Christ**.

**MESSAGE: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth**

**NICENE CREED**

Pastor: Let us stand as we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**Everyone: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the whole world.

Reader:  Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:
**Response:  *That we all may be one.***

Reader: Grant every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
***Response: That your Name be glorified by all people.***

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
***Response: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
***Response: That there may be justice and peace on the Earth.***

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
***Response: That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
***Response: That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.
***Response: Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
***Response: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or troubles; especially **Stephanie, Gary, Mike G, Marilyn, Gary, Larry, Annette, William, Nancy, Bill, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K., Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda, Donna, and Catherine.**

***Response: May they be delivered from their distress.***

Reader: We pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces, especially, **Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris, Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Army Combat Engineer Battalion.**
***Response: Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.***

Reader: Let us pray silently or aloud for those we hold close to our heart.

**SILENCE**:

**Response: Hear our prayer:**

Reader: In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all of our life, to Christ our God.
***Response: To thee, O Lord our God***

Priest/Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**Everyone: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.

Priest: Let us pray for peace in our world.

**Prayer for Peace: Lord Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and bring us peace. Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Priest: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Priest: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Everyone: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

**Response:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**People:** **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover lamb is sacrificed for us. Therefor let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving**.**

Priest: Let us pray with those who are unable to receive the Eucharist with us this morning:

**EVERYONE: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, but since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I ask that you come spiritually into my heart.**

**Unite me with you and never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Priest: St. Thomas practices open communion which means that all who believe in the Risen Lord are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

Communion can be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

LEM/Deacon: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Priest: Let us Pray:

**Everyone: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, May the Lord look upon you with favor and bring you peace.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**: *All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name #450*

1. *All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

1. *Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!*
2. *Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all! the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THANKS: Rev. Beverly Collinsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**