

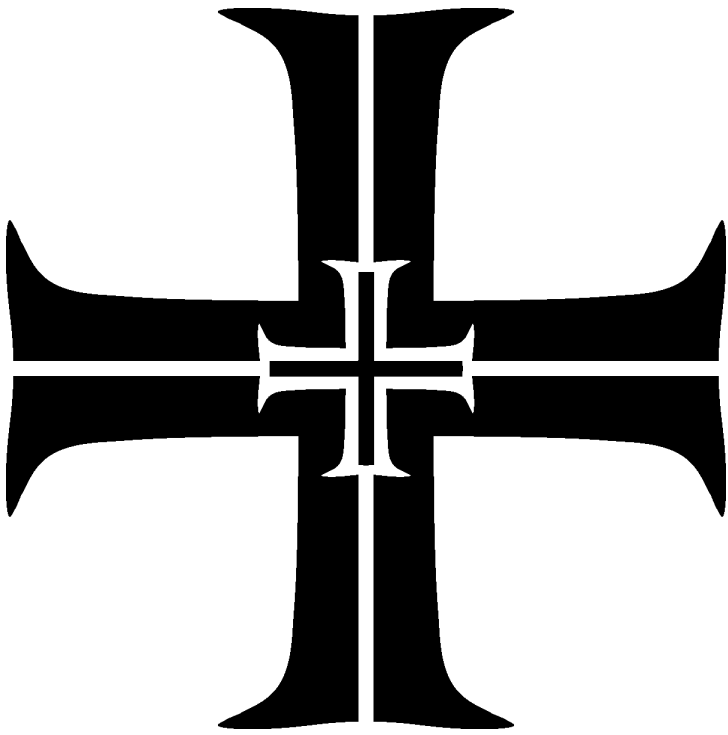
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**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020**



# *The Service of The Word*

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Pastor* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*All* Amen.

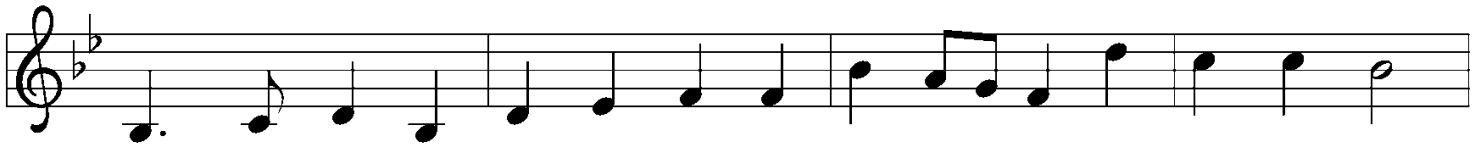
*Pastor* Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God:

*All* We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

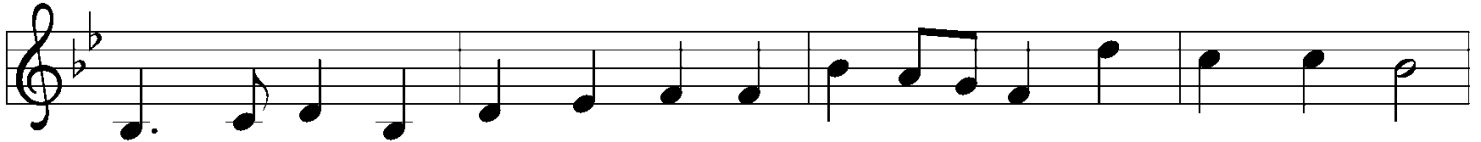
*Pastor* Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

*All* Amen.

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD CONTINUES  
ON THE NEXT PAGE WITH THE OPENING HYMN**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

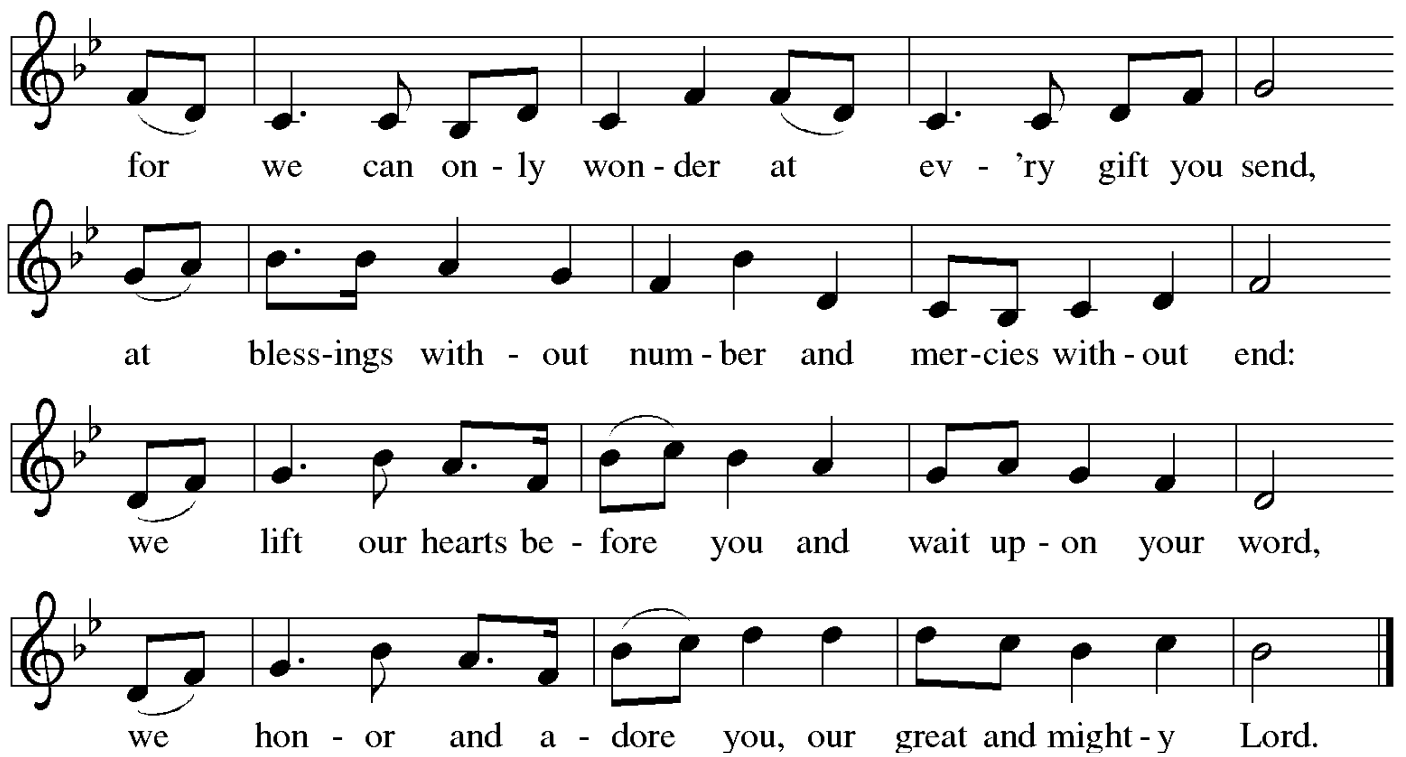
**HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
 at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
 we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
 we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor Dave*

*Pastor* Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People* Amen.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

*People* Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>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

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immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>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.”

*After the Lesson:*

*Pastor*        The Gospel of The Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, O Christ.

## THE HOMILY

*Pastor Dave*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*(Read in Unison)*

## The Apostles' Creed

*All*            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 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 OFFERING ■

*During this time, we invite everyone to participate in the offering. You may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gift is used to fund our day-to-day operational budget, our missions, and for the care of those in need.*

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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

*Pastor*        O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

*People*        Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

## ■ BLESSING & BENEDICTION ■

POSTLUDE

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presider & Preacher	Rev. Dr. David G. Oravec
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Cantor	Carin Antochy
Altar Guild	Barbara Freeman, Glenn Hollenbeck
Altar Flowers	Marianne Drumm
Media Technician	Sara Wetz

## *Lighthouse Shelter Update:*

The Lighthouse Shelter has recently paused their meal service/ingredient drop-off program for breakfast and dinner. If you are able, they are asking for a monetary donation through their donation portal on their website <http://www.annapolislighthouse.org/ways-to-give> . They currently have residents at the shelter and at several hotels in the area. The Bistro will be providing meals to their residents both on-site and off-site. This allows the Bistro employees to remain employed and to continue their training. They are providing meals to their residents and others in need in the county.

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