



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
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*We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.*

## Welcome

*Steven Mackison*

## Prelude

*Jill Daley*

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

*Officiant: Susan Haig*

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

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

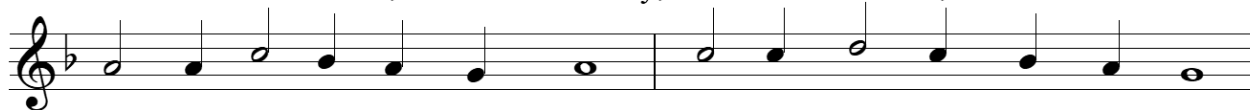
Gloria: #366 (Common Praise) “Glory, in the Highest Glory”



1. Glo-ry, in the high - est glo - ry, peace to all, in all their days.  
2. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, Lamb of God, for sin-ners given,



Wor-ship, thanks, and praise un-ceas-ing to the Source of all we raise:  
Word e - ter - nal, born of Ma-ry, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:



reign - ing in the sap-phire height, hid-den from our mor - tal sight,  
ho - ly one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,



now re-ceive our a - dor-a-tion, as we make our sup-pli-ca-tion.  
with the Spir - it there u-nit-ed, and the God-head high ex-alt - ed.

## The Collect of the Day

*Susan Haig*

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Carol Scovil*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore, he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So, he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus, Esau despised his birthright.

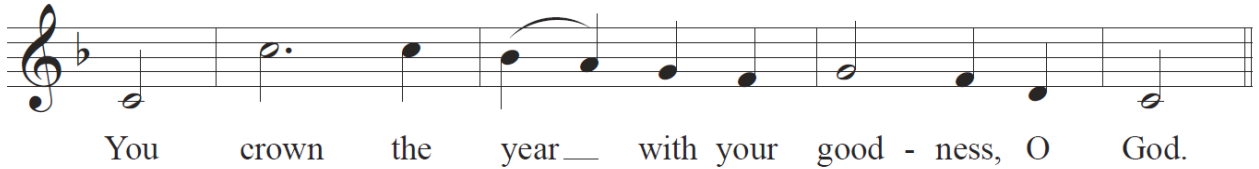
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Genesis 25.19-34

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Refrain**



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.   **Refrain**

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.   **Refrain**

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.   **Refrain**

**Second Reading**

*Ron Waldie*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is therefore now 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.

Romans 8.1-11

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Song: The Garden Song – *David Mallett*

*Mike & Jill Daley, Will Reid*

Inch by inch, row by row  
Gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe  
And a piece of fertile ground

Inch by inch, row by row  
Someone bless these seeds I sow  
Someone warm them from below  
'Till the rain comes tumblin' down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones  
Man is made of dreams and bones  
Feel the need to grow my own  
'Cause the time is close at hand

Grain for grain, sun and rain  
Find my way in Nature's chain  
Tune my body and my brain  
To the music from the land

Plant your rows straight and long  
Temper them with prayer and song  
Mother Earth will make you strong  
If you give her loving care

An old crow watching hungrily  
From his perch in yonder tree  
In my garden I'm as free  
As that feathered thief up there

# The Gospel

*Steven Mackison*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

That same day 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.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

*Steven Mackison*

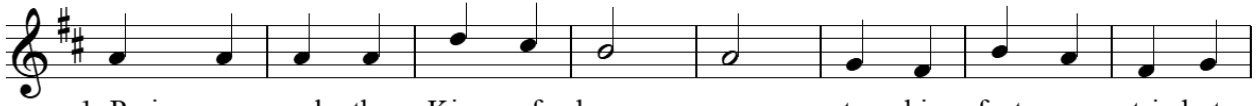
*We pause for music and meditation.*

## Meditation

*Mike & Jill Daley*

## Hymn: #381 (Common Praise) “Praise, My Soul”

Dan Norman, Will Reid & Jill Daley



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your tri - bute
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vour to our fore-bears in dis -
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he
4. Frail as sum-mer's flower we flour - ish; blows the wind and it is
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to



bring; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es  
- tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to  
knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our  
gone; but, while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing  
face; sun and moon bow down be - fore him, dwell-ers all in time and



sing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
bless; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
foes: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
on: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise the high e - ter - nal one.  
space. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Psalm 103; para. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Gerald Manning (1943-) ©.

## The Prayers of the People

Susan Scott

**Leader:** Gathered together as the people of God, and attentive to God’s will, let us pray. Gracious God, may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity. May we hear your will for us and act upon it; may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

**Leader:** Eternal truth, living God:

**All:** **Your word is truth and life.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, may every act of selfless giving and every search for truth be richly blessed and rewarded; disturb assumptions and lead many to ponder more deeply the spiritual dimensions of their lives. May the word of God reach all who are ready to receive it, and let us set no boundaries here as to who they might be.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Eternal truth, living God:

**All: Your word is truth and life.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, make our homes places of love and growth, welcoming to all who will visit them when you deem the time to be right, and accepting and forgiving to all who are nurtured there. Help us through quarrels and heartaches and remind us to honour one another as your cherished ones.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Eternal truth, living God:

**All: Your word is truth and life.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, may all whose bodies, souls or minds are aching, know the comforting and strengthening power of your companionship, and the healing power of your love. May we be more ready to support and befriend one another through this difficult time, in the name of the God we worship.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Eternal truth, living God:

**All: Your word is truth and life.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, we pray for all who are making the journey through death.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bring comfort and hope to their loved ones and assure us all of your promise of life everlasting.

*Leader:* Eternal truth, living God:

**All: Your word is truth and life.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, we offer you our thankful praise for all your gifts to us.

*Please add your prayers of thanksgiving over in the chat box*

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

**All: Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, 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.**

## The Doxology

*Priest:* Glory to God,

*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: #662 (Common Praise) "The Trees of the Field"

*Mike & Jill Daley*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
while you go out with joy.

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## The Dismissal

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Ministry Updates

*Steven Mackison*

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