



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday After Pentecost ❖ June 21, 2020

Liturgy for Worship ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Hymn 537 Christ for the world we sing

Moscow

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

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

The Officiant may say

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.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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 loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson **Genesis 21:8-21**

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

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- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 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.**

The Homily Denise Bennett

The Prayers of the People

Leader In the confidence that God sees all of us and counts us all of great value, let us offer prayers for every person in every place.

(Silence.)

Leader For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all that is good and bountiful for the world, and for mercy, justice, and peace.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, for the dying and for those who have died, especially remembering Melissa Evans.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In our Outreach Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Education Equals Hope, for their staff and volunteers, and especially those whom they serve at Emaus Episcopal Church in Quito, Ecuador by providing for the education of those living in desperate and difficult situations.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the mother of our Lord, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Leader Our Father in heaven, who acknowledges each of God’s creatures, receive the prayers we offer this day for all in every danger and every need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Leader And we pray especially, this day, for our nation:

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Leader These and all our prayers we offer as we pray together,

Leader and People

**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.**

Confession of Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

People **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.**

Officiant 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.

The Peace

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Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

--The Book of Common Prayer, page 461



Participants in this morning's service

Preacher: Denise Bennett; **Officiant:** David H. May; **Lay Readers:** Dede Davis and Al Rider; **Intercessor:** Michelle Lewis; **Musicians:** Maria Carpinelli, *Cantor*, and Ryan Tibbetts, *Organist and Choirmaster*



The Parish Prayer List

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashey, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham, Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Bettsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, Cindy and Dave Horowitz, Donna Marie Joy, Betty and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Katherine Mezger, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, Bob Swinson, Otissay Thompson, Robin Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children**, especially Claire and Adam Hahn.

For those who have died, especially remembering *Melissa Evans*. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** *Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) and the Most Rev'd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon.*

For those serving in the military or diplomatic service: Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.