

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Come, thou Fount"

Hymn #686

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy unchanging love.**

**Here I find my greatest treasure,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the throne of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

A brief silence for reflection follows.

Officiant 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest pronounces absolution, saying,

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins. God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Hymn #8, verse 1

**Morning has broken, like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6

Common English Bible

Reader A reading from the second book of the prophet Samuel.

Once again David assembled the select warriors of Israel, thirty thousand strong. David and all the troops who were with him set out for Baalah, which is Kiriath-jearim of Judah, to bring God's ark up from there—the special box that is called by the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, who sits enthroned on the winged creatures. They loaded God's ark on a new cart and carried it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart. Uzzah was beside God's ark while Ahio was walking in front of it. Meanwhile, David and the entire house of Israel celebrated in the Lord's presence with all their strength, with songs, zithers, harps, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

When they approached Nacon's threshing floor, Uzzah reached out to God's ark and grabbed it because the oxen had stumbled. The Lord became angry at Uzzah, and God struck him there because of his mistake, and he died there next to God's ark. Then David got angry because the Lord's anger lashed out against Uzzah, and so that place is called Perez-uzzah today.

David was frightened by the Lord that day. “How will I ever bring the Lord’s ark to me?” he asked. So David didn’t take the ark away with him to David’s City. Instead, he had it put in the house of Obed-edom, who was from Gath. The Lord’s ark stayed with Obed-edom’s household in Gath for three months, and the Lord blessed Obed-edom’s household and all that he had. King David was told, “The Lord has blessed Obed-edom’s family and everything he has because of God’s ark being there.” So David went and brought God’s ark up from Obed-edom’s house to David’s City with celebration. Whenever those bearing the ark advanced six steps, David sacrificed an ox and a fattling calf. David, dressed in a linen priestly vest, danced with all his strength before the Lord. This is how David and the entire house of Israel brought up the Lord’s ark with shouts and trumpet blasts.

As the Lord’s ark entered David’s City, Saul’s daughter Michal was watching from a window. She saw King David jumping and dancing before the Lord, and she lost all respect for him.

The Lord’s ark was brought in and put in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered burned offerings in the Lord’s presence in addition to well-being sacrifices. When David finished offering the burned offerings and the well-being sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of heavenly forces. He distributed food among all the people of Israel—to the whole crowd, male and female—each receiving a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then all the people went back to their homes.

David went home to bless his household, but Saul’s daughter Michal came out to meet him.

“How did Israel’s king honor himself today?” she said. “By exposing himself in plain view of the female servants of his subjects like any indecent person would!”

David replied to Michal, “I was celebrating before the Lord, who chose me over your father and his entire family, and who appointed me leader over the Lord’s people, over Israel—and I will celebrate before the Lord again! I may humiliate myself even more, and I may be humbled in my own eyes, but I will be honored by the female servants you are talking about!”

Michal, Saul’s daughter, had no children to the day she died.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Ephesians 1:3-5, 7-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven.

God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God’s presence
before the creation of the world.

God destined us to be his adopted children
through Jesus Christ because of his love.

We have forgiveness for our failures through his overflowing grace,
which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding.

God revealed his hidden design to us, according to his goodwill,
the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son.

This is what God planned for the fulness of time:

to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

Priest We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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 Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

- Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list:
You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.
The people may offer additional names.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.
The people may offer additional names.
- Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Priest* Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

The Blessing

Priest God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Hymn: "Moved by the Gospel, let us move"

**Moved by the Gospel, let us move with ev'ry gift and art.
The image of creative love indwells each human heart.
The Maker calls creation good, so let us now express
with sound and color, stone and wood, the shape of holiness.**

**Let weavers form from broken strands a tapestry of prayer.
Let artists paint with skillful hands their joy in lament and care,
Then mime the story: Christ has come; With reverence dance the Word.
With flute and organ, chime and drum, God's praise be ever heard.**

**O Spirit, breathe among us here, inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife, create among us still.
Great Artist, form our common life according to Your will.**