

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Be thou my vision"

Hymnal #488

**1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
All else be naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**3. High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray. 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.**

### The First Lesson: Amos 8:1-12

*Reader* A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit."

Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God;

"the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it,  
and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God,

I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,  
when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,  
but they shall not find it.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Psalm 52

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
**against the godly all day long?**

You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
**O worker of deception.**

You love evil more than good \*  
**and lying more than speaking the truth.**

You love all words that hurt, \*  
**O you deceitful tongue.**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
**topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!**

The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
**and they shall laugh at the tyrant, saying,**

“This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
**but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
**I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
**and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.**

The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-23

*Reader*           A reading from the letter to the church in Colossae.

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 Godself 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, God has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before God -- 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.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

*Reader* A reading from the gospel of Luke.

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."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

Sister Pamela Pranke, OPA

## The Prayers

*Officiant* 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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* 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](mailto: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.

*Officiant* 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.*
- Officiant* 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

- Officiant* Does anyone have any blessings or celebrations to share with the assembly today?

## The Peace

- Officiant* 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.*

## Announcements

## The General Thanksgiving

- Officiant* As we conclude our time together this morning, let us say the Prayer of General Thanksgiving. Our Voice of the People will lead us; you are invited to read along at home while muted.

*All:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and lovingkindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Dismissal

*Officiant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God!**