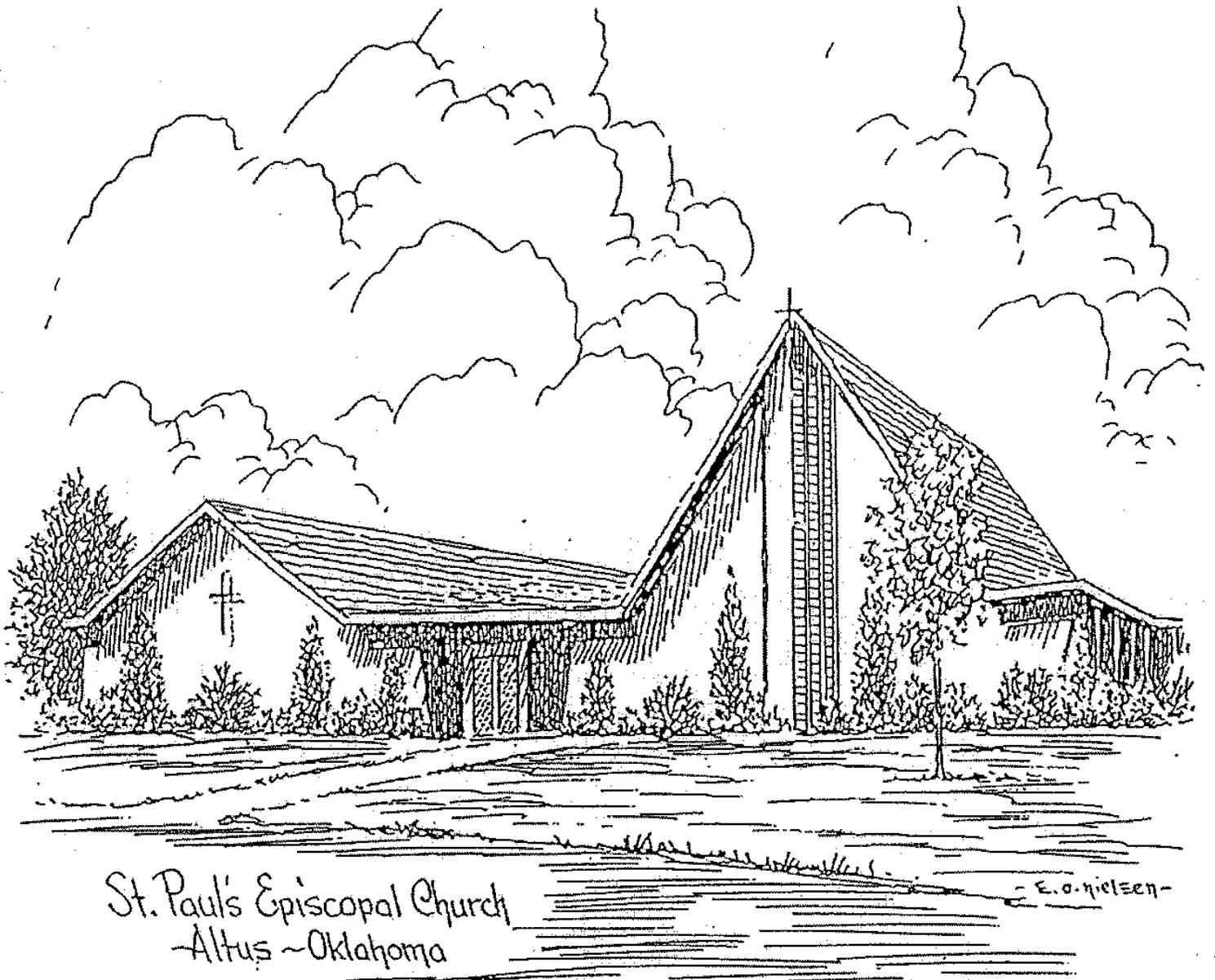


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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Please silence cell phones

At the end of every service we are sent out into the world to make a difference by demonstrating God's love in the world. The question we should ask before each service begins is, how have we been successful in accomplishing this mission?

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

Prelude

Organist

Please stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 48

Celebrant Blessed be God: Farther, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The celebrant continues

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*

Gloria

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

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.

People Thanks be to God.

The people will recite the psalm responsively by the whole verse, or in unison.

Psalm 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

110 O The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.

The Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is 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.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*stand*)

Hymnal 512

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Suzanne Mollison

Time of Reflection

(The People Stand)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form III (kneeling or standing)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Anglican cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Dioceses of Ontario (Canada).

In our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Matthew's, Sand Springs and St. Bede's, Westport.

Let us Pray for The Rev. Jim Hunkins and his wife Carol,

The Rev. Jeff Huston and his wife Elisa, and

The Rev. Morgan Ibe and his wife Charity.

In our Parish cycle of Prayer: Pray for Clay, Katrina, Ben and Mady Lifer, Dorothy Maffry and John and Bonnie McAskill.

Remember the birthday of Joe Alcorta, Jr.

(Your own petitions and intercessions may be added at this time either silently or aloud).

Celebrant concludes with

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession (kneeling)

Celebrant/ Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Absolution

The Celebrant says: 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 (All stand)

The celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements (seated)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

(in unison)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he/she/they* begins another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory (seated)

For this Sunday undesignated checks or cash in the plate offering is designated for the organ fund.

The Doxology (stand)

Hymnal 380; vs. 3

(sung)

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant continues

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full --- full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus bells are rung.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei Hymnal S 164
(Sing)

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world
give us your peace, give us your peace

The celebrant then adds

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ushers then begin to lead worshippers to the altar rail

All baptized individuals are invited to communion. To receive communion at the altar rail you may kneel or stand. To receive the bread (wafer) place one hand on top of another, palms up, and the celebrant will place the bread in your hand.

You may eat the bread immediately by bringing your hands up to your mouth and eat it. If you prefer you may keep the bread in your hand and have it dipped into the chalice and placed into your mouth by the Deacon or Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM).

If you eat the bread before the chalice is offered to you, then please guide the chalice to your mouth by gently touching the base of the chalice. The chalice is wiped and rotated after each person consumes wine from it. Women who wear lipstick are asked to dab their lips before coming to altar rail if drinking from the chalice.

If for any reason you cannot or do not want to drink the wine then you may leave the altar after receiving and consuming the bread.

If you do not want to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, then come to the altar rail during communion and place your arms across your chest. This will tell the celebrant that you are requesting a blessing, and then one will be given. You may leave the altar rail immediately after receiving the blessing.

Communion Hymn (*seated or kneeling*)

Hymnal 635

Post Communion Prayer (*kneeling or standing*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant continues

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Recessional Hymn (*standing*)

Hymnal 391

Dismissal (*standing*)

Officiant Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord and make a
difference in the world.

People We will -- Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Organist

CELEBRANT:	The Reverend Suzanne Mollison	
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:	Rick Hammock	
LECTORS:	First Lesson:	Bonnie McAskill
	The Epistle:	John Womack
USHERS:	Iva Nell Templer and Steve Brandon	
CRUCIFER:	John Womack	
ACOLYTES:	Ben Lifer	
	Mady Lifer	
ALTAR GUILD:	Iva Nell Templer	
HOSPITALITY:		
LOCK-UP:	Iva Nell Templer	

Favorite Hymn Month is August.
 Select up to three hymns (list priority) from
 The 1982 Hymnal,
 Lift Every Voice and Sing II hymnal,
 or
 Wonder Love and Praise hymnal.

This week at St. Paul's:

Tuesday, July 18th

12:30 p.m. Noonday Prayers
(*summer hours*)

Sunday, July 23rd

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Please contribute to the
New Hope jar
at the back of the Church.*



The Head of this Church:

Jesus Christ

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