



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

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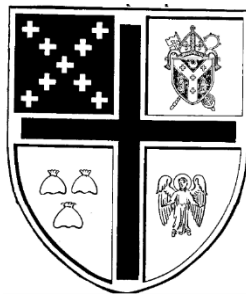
Vision

We are a community that seeks to serve Christ in all people through
God's forgiving love.

Mission

We are here:

To offer sanctuary, acceptance and forgiveness
To strengthen and encourage each other
To advocate for and empower those in need, and
To worship, pray and grow in Christ.



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two
Sunday, June 16, 2024

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted* **H 302**

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Lay Leader says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Lay Leader says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Lay Leader and People together,

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.

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 Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

Lay Leader Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Lay Leader and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

INVITATORY

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1. Come, let us sing to the

Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -

va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the

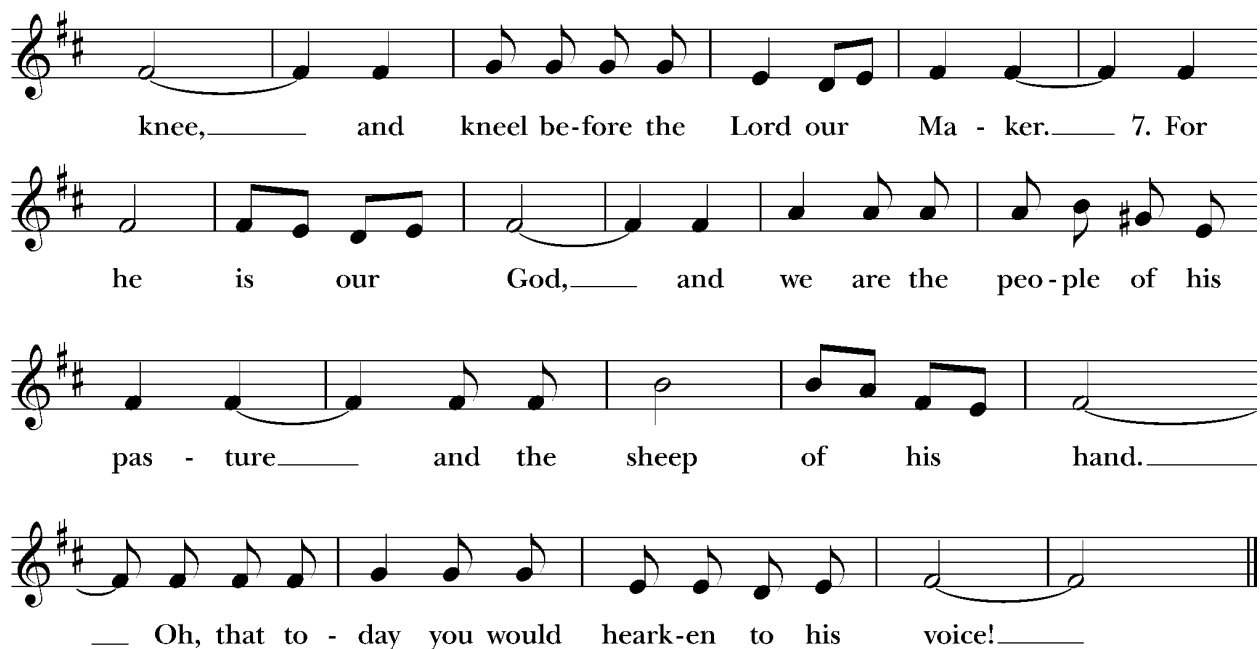
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all

gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

The People respond by half verse.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

²To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

³On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

¹¹The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹²Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹³They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁴That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

⁶We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

FIRST CANTICLE

Gloria in excelsis

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.

THIRD READING: Mark 4:26-34

A Reading from Mark.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear

it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: On the scripture readings. Jason Brooks

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

SALUTATION

Lay Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.
Lay Leader Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All sit.

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 our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Diane, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President Joseph, our Governor Michael, and 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.

For those who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested and those whose names are on our parish intercession list, and those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned by this congregation.

We remember our police force, first responders, medical personnel and educators.
That they would be effective in all their labors and service for our community

Give to the departed eternal rest; ***especially Louise Woody.***
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.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, ***especially Janet Anderson Brown,*** and for those celebrating anniversaries.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we
deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PARISH PRAYER

In unison

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new
vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your
Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness,
your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of
West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be
present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out
the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our

hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen."

THE PEACE

All stand.

Lay Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

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1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro-claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Lay Leader and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Lay Leader and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. *Amen.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

CLOSING HYMN

I Trust in God, Wherever I May Be

LEVAS 59

1. I trust in God wher - ev - er I may be, _____ Up - on the
2. He makes the rose an ob - ject of His care, _____ He guides the
3. I trust in God, for, in the li - on's den, _____ On bat - tle -
4. The val - ley may be dark, the sha - dows deep, _____ But oh, the

1. land _____ or on the roll - ing sea; _____ For come what
2. ea - gle through the path - less air; _____ And sure - ly
3. field, _____ or in the pris - on pen; _____ Through praise or
4. shep - herd guards His lone - ly sheep; _____ And through the

1. may, — from day to day, —
 2. He — re - mem - bers me, — My heav'n - ly Fa - ther watch - es o - ver
 3. blame, — through flood or flame, —
 4. gloom, — He'll lead me home, —

me. — I trust in God, — I know He cares for me, On moun - tain

bleak or on the storm - y sea; — Though bil - lows roll, — He keeps my

soul, — My heav'n - ly Fa - ther watch - es o - ver me. —

Announcements

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost		
This Week		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	1:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday	Messenger/Calendar Deadline	
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
June 23	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour

Happy
Father's
Day

Everyone Welcome! If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up. If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com