# TRINITY
## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2020 - 10:30am

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

**Prelude, *Prelude in C Major, BWV 547*** J.S. Bach

## ∞ Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, 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. *People* **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. *People* **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## ∞ The First Reading Genesis 25:19-34

*The People sit.*

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 Gradual, *Psalm 119: 105-112*

*Read in unison.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ∞ The Second Reading

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.**

## ∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ∞ The Sermon

The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer

## ∞ The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

∞ The Peace

∞ Announcements

∞ The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.**

## ∞ Suffrages A

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 Celebrant continues*

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

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People* **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *People* **Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings will follow.*

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

We remember those who have died that they might have eternal rest especially those you would name.

We remember victims of violence in our city . . .

Jeffrey Darensbourg
Brian Hayes
Kevin Thomas, Jr.
Kawana Tibbett

On our parish prayer list we pray especially for . . .

Robert Arrowwood
Walker Beery
Pam Cassar
Robert Emmett
Nancy Haslett
Teresa Kelleher
Helen McLellan
Medora Monogold
Maxwell Peters
Dianne Schlosser
and others you would name.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for all our expectant parents and those who long to conceive or adopt. We celebrate the birth this week of Catherine and Thomas Charbonnet, children of Meredith and Dean.

We pray for Trinity Loaves and Fishes and all of our mission partners. We pray for the healing of racial division. We pray for those who are suffering economic hardship or anxiety due to the Corona virus and for the care of medical professionals and essential workers and policy makers during this pandemic.

We pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, New Orleans in the Diocese of Louisiana, and the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

## ∞ The General Thanksgiving

**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.**

## ∞ Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**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 truh, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Celebrant continues*
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *People* **Amen.** (Ephesians 3:20-21)

## ∞ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude, *Fugue in C Major, BWV 547*** J.S. Bach