



The Episcopal Church of St. Martin  
Lebanon, OR  
4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Ordinary Time – Proper 6  
The Holy Eucharist  
16th June, 2024, 10:00 am – Fathers' Day  
The Rev. Deacon Keehna Sture ---- Fr. Robert Morrison

### The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn # 542      *“Christ is the World’s True Light”*

#### Salutation

Presider      Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
People      ***And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity: *Presider Let us pray together*

***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 (*say together*) BCP p. 356

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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.***

Presider      The Lord be with you.

People      **And also with you.**

Presider      Let us pray.

Collect of the Day (*say together*)

***Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace  
we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake  
of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen.***

#### The Lessons

A reading from the First Book of **Samuel** 15:34-16:13:

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint

for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**People** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 20** *Exaudiat te Dominus (Please read responsively at the asterisk\*)*

<sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
***the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;***

<sup>2</sup> Send you help from his holy place \*  
***and strengthen you out of Zion;***

<sup>3</sup> Remember all your offerings \*  
***and accept your burnt sacrifice;***

<sup>4</sup> Grant you your heart's desire \*  
***and prosper all your plans.***

<sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
***may the LORD grant all your requests.***

<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; \*  
***he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.***

<sup>7</sup> Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
***but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.***

<sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall down, \*  
***but we will arise and stand upright.***

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, give victory to the king \*  
***and answer us when we call.***

**A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Christians in Corinth 5:6-10-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or

away, we make it our aim to please him. For 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.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And 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. From 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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

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

**Gospel Hymn # 490**        *"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark 4:26-34:**

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

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

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet 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."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**The Sermon**

**Fr Robert Morrison**

**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**

Reader: Gathered in the name of Jesus, and united by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, let us bring to God the cares and concerns of the world, the Church, and our own hearts.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Diana, our Bishop, and leaders of local churches everywhere, that their lives may be congruent with the faith they profess, and that through their leadership, the whole world, one day, will be gathered together in God's loving and liberating embrace, let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: For our country and its leaders, that God's spirit of wisdom and justice may lead to decisions that promote and protect the well-being of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: For a greater awareness of those who are powerless and voiceless, that we may recognize their struggles, hear their stories, and give voice to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: For a greater recognition of our call to be good stewards of God's creation, that we may honor the world God has commended to our care, and work diligently to preserve and promote the wise use of its resources, let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all those who are ill and suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that God's healing may descend upon them, bringing wholeness and peace in the way that is best for them, and for those whom we name silently or aloud; let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed whose faith is known to God alone, and for those whom we name silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: We remember this weekend all men: those who are fathers, that we may thank them for the lives they have nurtured; those who hold regrets and sorrow because they have not been able to nurture children, that we may comfort them; those whose children are no longer alive, that we may be present with them; those who have welcomed children and youth into their homes and lives, giving to them new hope and acceptance. Let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

### **Priest and People together:**

***God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.***

***Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.***

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**People** ***Amen.***

### **The Peace**

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People** ***And also with you.***

## **Reflections on my Baptism**

Bishop John Thornton

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

#### **The Offertory Sentence:**

Presider: Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Hymn of Presentation:** Doxology – (*sing a cappella to the tune of “Old One Hundredth”*)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

#### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

Presider The Lord be with you.  
**People** ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.  
**People** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world, 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,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

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

***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.  
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.***

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

***All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

### **Fraction Anthem**

***Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace***

Presider The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith and with thanksgiving

### **Communion Hymn** *Instrumental*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer** (*please say together*)

***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.***

## Prayer for St. Martin's *(let us pray together)*

**God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.**

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelling mercies

## Announcements

## The Benediction

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Closing Hymn # 302 "Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted"

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

  
**Happy Father's Day!**  


