# Episcopal Church of St. Anne The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 8 June 28, 2020 10:00 a.m.

#### **Music Prelude and Welcome**



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

**DC:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for a moment.

### 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.

**RL:** 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.

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

#### Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**DC:** The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 13. Let us say it together.

- 1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? \* how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?\* how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \* give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \* and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \* my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \* I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

**Bill:** The first lesson is from Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

# 20 Glory to God

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

**Lydia:** The second lesson is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Here ends the Reading.

#### 10 The Second Song of Isaiah Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \* call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways \* and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \* and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \* nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \* so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \* and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \* seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \* it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \* and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

**DC:** A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon Rev. Lyn Morlan

#### **Hymn WLP #812**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peoples' cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin...My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?



2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peoples' pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide...til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

# DC: The Apostles' Creed

People together, all standing

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.

RL: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

RL: 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

DC: to bid the 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.

# **RL:** Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Lydia and Bill come forward at this time. We will keep safe distancing and wear masks.

**L:** On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, I was inducted by Bishop Chester Talton as rector of the Church of St. Anne. I have, with God's help, your support and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector the Church of St. Anne ends June 30, 2020. I am retiring on that date.

Do you, the people of St. Anne, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

All: We do.

Rev. Lyn may make some short remarks. Then she bestows a letter of resignation, her keys, and the service book to the wardens.

Lydia, receive this letter of resignation on behalf of the Vestry.

Bill, receive this set of keys and let the doors of this place continue to be open to all people.

Lydia, receive this Parish Service Book to maintain the worship records as the one with the ecclesiastical responsibility.

Lydia and/or Bill may make express good wishes or whatever. When all are done, we pray together.

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence is kept

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures. Silence is kept

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. Silence is kept

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence is kept

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing every nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. AMEN.

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.

**DC:** Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**RL:** May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

**Closing Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians"** 

#### THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS



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