

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Chorale Prelude on "Jesus Loves Me"

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

We're Marching to Zion

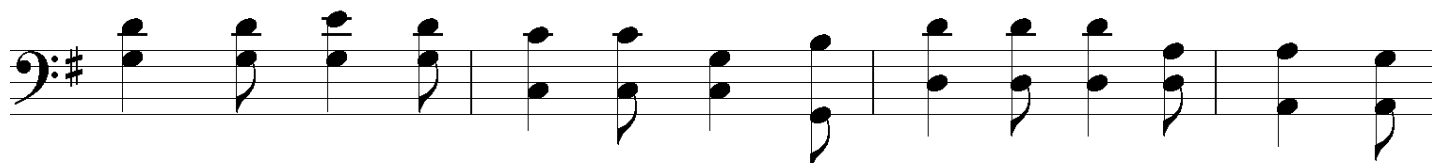
LEVAS 12



1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join  
2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But  
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets Be -  
4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry; We're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -  
2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly  
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly  
4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.  
2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.  
3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.  
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful  
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,  
 Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,  
 Zi - on, Zi - on,  
 The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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*Officiant* 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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

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, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

*Lector* A reading from Genesis.

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,  
and 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Order my steps in your word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day.

Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your word. Please, order my steps in your word.

Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will. While you are working, help me be still.

Though Satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your word. Please, order my steps in your word.

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify, let the words of my mouth be acceptable in thy sight. Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night. Order my steps in your word. Please, order my steps in your word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will.

The world is ever changing, but you are still the same. If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

*Lector* A reading from Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## 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 awhile, 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

### NICENE CREED

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*Officiant* As God’s people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*All* **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.**

*Reader* Let us pray for the church and the world.

Grant, Triune God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We especially pray for those committed to protecting our communities, all who govern, first responders, and those who are caring for the sick throughout the current pandemic, including: *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Grob, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Ryan Tyler, Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We pray for the families of Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all victims of racial injustice. As their lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for *Pat Ald, Barbara Baseley, Booker, Harold Cherry, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Marcus England, Vincent Faust, Emily Hill, Lauren Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Alisa LeDuc, Jane McFeely, Monique McGraw, Joe Miller, Jonathon Moon, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson, Warren Webb, Megan White*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We celebrate those who have birthdays this week, especially *Denise Crenshaw, Brenna Ald, Edna Muliett, Theresa Zajac, Richard Marr, Guy Jackson, Eamon Harnois, Aretha Marshall, Bethany Proenca*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

Holy One, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for Marilyn Wittrup and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **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.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*



## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

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*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Can't Give Up Now

Curtis Burrell

There will be mountains that I will have to climb, and there will be battles that I will have to fight,  
but victory or defeat, it's up to me to decide; but how can I expect to win, if I never try.

I just can't give up now, I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me the road would be easy, and I don't believe He's brought me this far to leave me.

Never said there wouldn't be trials, never said I wouldn't fall,  
never said that everything would go the way I want it to go,  
but when my back is against the wall and I feel all hope is gone,  
I'll just lift my head up to the sky and say help me to be strong.

I just can't give up now, I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me the road would be easy, and I don't believe He's brought me this far to leave me.

Oh, I know You didn't bring me out here to leave me lonely,  
even when I can't see clearly I know that You are with me so I can't.

I just can't give up now, I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me the road would be easy, and I don't believe He's brought me this far to leave me.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*from the Book of Common Prayer  
and St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

*All* **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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