

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2009

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Deacon: The Reverend Robert Carsner

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Dalles, Oregon

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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

Hymnal S 280

**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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

The Psalm

Psalm 85:7-13

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Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Sequence Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of the demons cast out and the many who were anointed and cured, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl.

Then the girl gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Father, we pray for St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, and all members of 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. We pray for the retired clergy of this parish; for Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert. We pray for the General Convention and all delegates; for all members of this parish in their diverse ministries and service; and for all who serve in your church;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for members of this parish, especially for Sharon Norris, Jim Scarborough, Laura Lowe, Denise Beasley and Sally Forster. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray today for Sandy, Andrea Booren and family, for Marti O'Dell and family, for Mary, Jan, Cathy, John, Marilyn, Dorothy, Ron, Nolan, Megan, Lida, Lloyd, Jeff and Colleen, Mike, Anne, Philip, Bonnie, Barbara, Caroline, Dale, Bob and Aloha, Joe and Heidi Horn and family.
Please add your own intercessions at this time.

(Congregation adds petitions)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for Dorothy Killick and all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

(Congregation adds petitions)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin *Stand or Kneel*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

**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.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Commissioning of The Senior Warden: *Thank You to John Mabrey for his service as Senior Warden,
and Welcome to Monte Dickinson as she begins her service as Senior Warden.*

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O Eternal God, the fountain of all wisdom and the source of all courage:

**Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and
guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for ministry and aid to the people in the Sudan

The Holy Communion

The Offertory The Deer's Cry (St. Patrick's Breastplate) *I arise today...*

Tori Dickinson, soloist

Composed by Shawn Davey

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him 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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**WLP 858 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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

sung by **Tori Dickinson**

*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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

The Communion Hymn *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

The Celebrant may bless the people

The Closing Hymn *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

Hymnal 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

Deacon *[Dismissal]*

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: Robert Carsner;
Worship Leader: Ned Kice; Eucharist Minister: Lowry Browning; Lector: Don Dickinson; Prayers of the
People: Shirley Bjelland, Jerry Frazier; Organist: Robert Tupper; Altar Guild: Alice Rohrbacher, Monte
Dickinson; Acolyte: Brandon Adams; Altar Bread: Julie Reynolds; Greeter: M. D. VanValkenburgh.*

PLEASE PRAY:

For John Adams, Steve Schafroth, and all the delegates and workers at the Episcopal Church General Convention in Anaheim; for friends and family, especially Sandy Leibham, Andrea Booren and family, Mary Emerson, Jan Jarding, Cathy Dahl, Ron Clark, Kathleen Martin's father Nolan Jones, Marilyn

Cromwell, Dorothy Wilson, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Gretchen Kimsey's mother Betty, Mike Fowler, Linda and Tracy, Charlie May, Art and Jane Schafroth, Alvie Clark, Lloyd Walworth, Blake Gallagher, Anne Frazier, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt, Barbara Monaghan, Jeff and Colleen, Bob and Aloha Despain, Caroline Barnes.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

For Falco in his Guide Dog training: for all service animals as they serve and enrich the lives of the people they are given to serve. God Bless and keep them in His tender loving care.

*The flowers at the altar today are given by
Shirley Bjelland in celebration of the
19th wedding anniversary for Lou Jr. and Wendy*

CALENDAR:

Mon- AA "open" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall
Tues- Bible Study 1 pm Library
After School Productions 6-9 pm Tayler Hall
Wed- Vestry 7 pm Common Room
AA "closed" meeting 7 pm Tayler Hall
Thurs- Healing services ~ noon and 7 pm
After School Productions 6-9 pm Tayler Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WE GIVE THANKS for Robert Tupper and Tori Dickinson, for the blessing of special music this day. We celebrate and give thanks for Monte Dickinson's "Yes" to God to serve as Senior Warden, and thanks to John Mabrey for his term just ended. We give thanks for all the work as offerings to God and the Church so graciously given by our vestry, wardens, and lay leaders. Such Bountiful Blessings!

EVER WONDER WHY we do what we do? Think what we think? Or are Episcopal instead of something else? If so, please join St. Paul's The Dalles and St. Mark's Hood River in classes to prepare for Confirmations. The classes will begin in August, and will be times of sharing experiences and thoughts and questions about God, the church, and our lives of faith. All are welcome!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS

Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

Also, vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

THE THANK OFFERINGS this quarter help to support the work of reconciliation, building schools and providing education, health care and community development in Sudan. This support is vital to the recovery of the people who live in the war-ravaged South of Sudan. See <http://www.sudansunrise.org>.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION NEWS AND INFORMATION is on the kiosk and available in the office. Please check it out and prepare to file nominations and information—deadlines come up on August!

THANKS- To Jeff Rask and Tori Dickinson, for coffee hour today! Thanks to all who host coffee hour and so generously and graciously feed us and help us grow together in fellowship, faith and love.