

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

THEME: The Deuteronomy text is a strikingly specific commandment, alongside the other succinct ones. We are made to care for one another like God cares for you. We must stop, regularly, to remember this.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy
Jesus will give us rest.

Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace
Christ will give us peace.

Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus
For our Savior will give us rest in our souls

Come, let us worship our God;
Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.

GATHERING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people 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?"**

**REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" REFRAIN**

**"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 till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" REFRAIN**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Lord of love and mercy, we come to you this day, at the beginning of the summer season. This should be a time of relaxation and restoration, yet our spirits carry heavy burdens for ourselves, our country, and our world. Remind us of your healing love. Strengthen us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:28-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

#611

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

This is My Song

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**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

