

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 5, 2020

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

VIGIL LIGHT

*The vigil light today is given to the Glory of God and for healing for Anna,
given by her Grandmother, Sue, and her parents.*

*The vigil light today is given to the Glory of God and for comfort and healing for Betty and Ray,
given by Judy Reich.*

Prelude: *“On Eagle’s Wings” Setting by D. Wagner*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional hymn WLP #779

**The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter
and for bread to eat and never live until they die.**

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **People** **And Blessed be God’s Kingdom now and forever**

Collect for Purity

Gloria: WLP #900 Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heav’nly 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.

Collect *(said by all)*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’”

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death. *Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

Silence

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 *Said by all in unison*

The voice of my beloved!

**Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.**

**My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.**

**Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.**

My beloved speaks and says to me:

**"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.**

**The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.**

**The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.**

**Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."**

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Sermon *Fr. Richard Signore*

Prayers of the People IV, BCP, p. 388 **RESPONSE:** Hear our prayer.

Prayer for the Parish - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution **BCP, p. 360**

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.

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A **Prayer Book, p. 361**

The Lord's Prayer **Prayer Book, p. 364**

Fraction Anthem: WLP #876

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread.**

Communion

Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #573

**Father eternal, Ruler of creation, Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made,
through the thick darkness covering every nation, light to our blindness,
O be thou our aid: thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.
Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided, and, sharing not our griefs,
no joy can share, by wars and tumults love is mocked, derided;
his saving cross no nation yet will bear: thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.**

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *"Diapason"* J Stanley