

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

# **The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer**

**August 23, 2020**

*9:30 a.m. Choral Service*

*Tamsin Lucey, Officiant*

*All music from the VBS Cave Quest: Follow Jesus the Light of the World.*

Prelude: *“He is the Light” VBS Music*

## **Liturgy of the Word of God**

**Opening Hymn:** *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” VBS Music*

Opening Sentences

Invitation & Confession of Sin **BCP p. 79**

**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.**

Prayer of Forgiveness

**Invitatory & Psalter** *Officiant: Lord, open our lips. People* **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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Venite (unison) BCP p. 82**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
And a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
And his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
And kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Psalm 124 (unison) BCP p. 781**

**If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;**

**If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.  
Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

### **First Reading**

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

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

### **Canticle 16 (unison) BCP p. 92**

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

**Second Reading: St. Matthew 16:13-20**

*Officiant or Reader:* A reading from St. Matthew:

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**Canticle 21 (unison) BCP p. 95**

**You are God; we praise you; You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
And the Holy spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free, you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.  
You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people, Bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

**Apostles' Creed (unison) BCP p. 96**

**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.**

**The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 97**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and **People**

**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.**

Sufferages "A" **BCP p. 97**

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.**

Collect of the Day (Proper 16) (unison) **BCP p. 232**

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for St. St. Bartholomew (unison) BCP p. 243

**Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word; Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**Prayer for the Parish – (unison) 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**

The Announcements & Offertory: **Offertory Hymn:** *“I’m all in” VBS Music*

The General Thanksgiving (unison) BCP p. 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (unison) BCP p. 102

**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.**

**TEACHING:** may present a Diocesan Message (or a Youth and Formation Exercise)

**Closing Hymn:** *“This little light of Mine” VBS Music*

*Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Grace**

*Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. All: Amen.*

Postlude: *“Light of the World” VBS Music*