

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral
Laramie, Wyoming**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022**

Prelude **Valentina Gavrilova**

Processional "Be thou my vison" **Hymnal 488**

Officiant Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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 God's 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.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson - Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride

of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm 52

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?

**You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.**

You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.

**You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you
out of the land of the living!

**The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,**

"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

**But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of
the godly

The Second Lesson – Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister

of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Sequence Hymn "Blessed Jesus, at thy word" **Hymnal 440**

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Mottl

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Friends, let us come before the Lord in prayerful reverence saying, “God of Glory, reveal yourself to us.”

Grant, Almighty God, that we your Church, the body of your Son in this world, may present ourselves holy and blameless and irreproachable before you. God of Glory, **reveal yourself to us.**

Guide the people of this land, and all of the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may generously welcome both friend and stranger. God of Glory, **reveal yourself to us.**

Lord God, open our hearts. Inspire us to be generous with all we have and all we are. May our own generosity reflect the generosity that you show us. God of Glory, **reveal yourself to us.**

Bless all those we have long loved and those we are learning to love and those who are yet strangers in our lives; grant that we may honor the Christ in them, that our kindness may refresh and bless all we meet. God of Glory, **reveal yourself to us.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer any affliction, give them strength and courage in their troubles, and remind them of the hope of glory they find in Christ. Today we pray especially for Judith, Lucas, Danny, Darcy, Janet, Amy, Milward, Sunny, Cody, Brock, Hank, Liz, Pat, Martha, Neil, Kris, Nora, Barb, Ronnie, Helene, Deb, Virginia, Roger, Margaret, and _____. God of Glory, **reveal yourself to us.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that they may be eternally reconciled to you through Jesus Christ; and we pray that we may forever dwell with Mary and Martha and all your faithful servants in your blessed presence. We pray for all who have died, especially _____. God of Glory, **reveal yourself to us.**

We give thanks today for the beautiful flowers Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Lyle and Berniece Wright, by Marilyn Pedrick.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Confession of Sin **BCP 360**

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

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. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn “Seek ye first” (sung through twice) **Hymnal 711**

Presentation Hymn

**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**

This is the Lord’s table where ALL are welcome.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you do not wish to receive wine please know that receiving only the bread is still a full communion

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord is here.
People God’s Spirit is with us.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God of surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation and lived among your chosen people in wilderness, exile, and promised land. Your Spirit filled Mary’s womb at the moment of Jesus’ conception and came upon him like a dove at his baptism. When Christ died on the cross, your power raised him from the tomb on the third day, and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace on those who had deserted him. On the day of Pentecost, you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples, filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy, and making them your Church. And so we gladly thank you, with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Celebrant and People **Hymnal S125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness, remembering that at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith, of healing, discernment, and interpretation, that your Church may be built up in the likeness of your Son. Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your image, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, Creator, Child, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **AMEN.**

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

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 Leader breaks the bread.

Celebrant Christ’s body was broken for us on the cross.
People Christ is the bread of life.

The Leader lifts the cup.

Celebrant His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
People Christ is risen from the dead.

Come, God’s people, come to receive Christ’s heavenly food.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

We stand.

Praise and glory to you, Creator Spirit of God; you make our bread Christ’s body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ. You make our wine Christ’s living sacrificial blood to redeem the world. You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources. Be with us Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do this and every day. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Lord, dismiss us” **Hymnal 344**

The Dismissal

Postlude **Valentina Gavrilova**