



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rite II  
10:30 am

# The Word of God

Prelude-*I yearn to enter the courts of the Lord- George Oldrod*

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

Hymnal 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

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*Officiant* 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

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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.***

*All are seated.*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Genesis (25:19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Psalm Appointed

*Reader* The portion of the Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 119 verses 105-112 on page 772 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

*Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.*

*I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.*

*I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.*

*Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.*

*My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.*

*The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.*

*Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.*

*I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.*

## The Epistle

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (8:1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the

body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

***People***           ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn – *Spirit of the Living God***

Lift Every Voice and Sing 115

***We will sing hymn once before the Gospel and once after the Gospel is read.***

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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*All stand*

## The Gospel

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9,18-23).

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

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Fr. Robert Certain

**Nicene Creed**

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*All stand.*

***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 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.*

*After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*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.***

*Reader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and David, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

For Robert, our Interim Rector, for our vestry and search committee, and for the members of St. Paul's, Brownsville and St. Mark's, San Marcos.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

For Kenneth, Amy & Gary Bethel, Morgan, Audrey Herron, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and for all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially Ann Benham, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, Karen Cook, and Rose Foegelle.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for those who devote their time to help Good Samaritan Community Services and the Seguin Youth Services.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Reader* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

## Birthdays & Travel Prayers

### Birthdays

*Officiant and People*

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants James Nelson, Michael Nelson, Theresa Casey, Eleanor Cockerell, Joe Bruns, and Fr. Tom Bruns as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### Travel

*Officiant and People*

***O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Offertory Anthem-** *Come ye that love the Lord-* R.W. Dirksen

Soloist- Leo Garcia

## The General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant and People*

***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.***

## Prayer

*Officiant and People*

*In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; Be of good courage; Hold fast that which is good; Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn- *Spread, O spread thou mighty word*

Hymnal 530

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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**Dismissal**

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*Officiant*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People**

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Postlude-Entrada- Grayston Ives**

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

**Ministers in the Lord's Service**

Officiant- Fr. Robert Certain

Lay Reader- Barbara Upper

Altar Guild- Sandy Merrell

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Camerasmen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell

Sound- Carolyn Baker

***Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.***

