

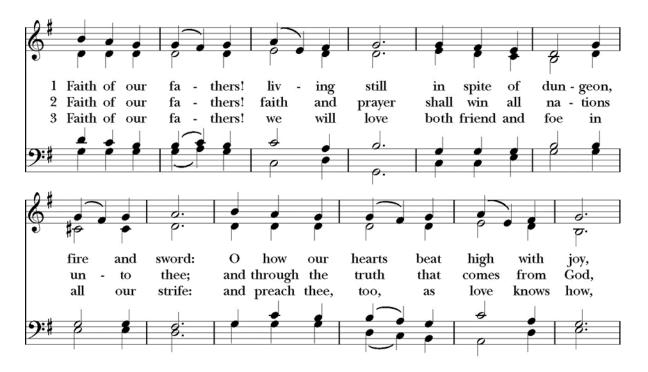
## Third Sunday After Pentecost St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 21 June 2020

Welcome & Announcements

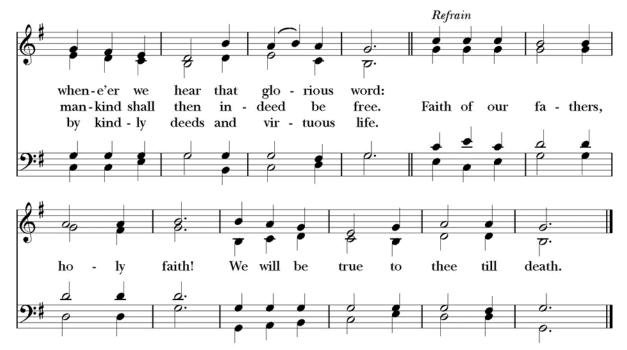
**Gathering Hymn** 

(Faith of Our Fathers)

The Hymnal 1982 #558



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## **Opening Acclamation:**

#### BCP p. 355

# Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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/Glory to God

BCP p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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:

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PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Presider *Let us pray.* 

People: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **The Lessons**

#### First Lesson: A reading from the book of the Jeremiah 20:7-13:

O Lord, you have enticed me,	everyone mocks me.
and I was enticed;	For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.	I must shout, "Violence and de- struction!"
I have become a laughingstock all day long;	For the word of the Lord has become for me

a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread

#### Reader The Word of the Lord

#### Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20

Salvum me fac

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*

and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*

an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \* the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, \* but that was turned to my reproach. warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers

#### People Thanks be to God

[12 I put on sack-cloth also, \* and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*

and the drunkards make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*

*at the time you have set, O Lord:* 15 "In your great mercy, O God, \*

answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let	18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love
me sink; *	is kind; *
let me be rescued from those who	in your great compassion, turn to
hate me	me.'
and out of the deep waters.	19 "Hide not your face from your
17 Let not the torrent of waters wash	servant; *
over me,	be swift and answer me, for I am
neither let the deep swallow me up; *	in distress.
do not let the Pit shut its mouth	20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
upon me.]	because of my enemies deliver me.

#### **Second Lesson**: A reading from the book of the **Romans 6:1b-11**

S hould we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

**F** or if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

#### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24-39

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

J esus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

# HOMILY

#### Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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: Form VI

(BCP p. 388)

(The Leader and People pray responsively)

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

#### Leader: *For this community, the nation, and the world*;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: <b>People:</b>	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Leader: <b>People:</b>	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Leader: People:	For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.
Leader: <b>People:</b>	In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Nigeria. May God bless and keep them.
Leader:	In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's, in Casa Grande
People:	May God bless and keep them.
Leader:	We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and the Pascua Yaqui who call this area of Arizona their home.
People:	May God bless and keep them.
Leader:	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)
Leader <b>People</b>	Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.
Leader:	<i>We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.</i> (The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)
Leader <b>People:</b>	<i>We will exalt you, O God our King;</i> <b>And praise your Name for ever and ever.</b>
Leader:	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. <i>(people remember those who have died)</i>

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: Who put their trust in you.
Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider 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.

- Presider:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.
- Presider: And because we are currently fasting from the Lord's Supper, let us also pray for our spiritual Communion:

All My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Presider As Jesus taught us, we now pray: (Lord's Prayer) BCP p. 364

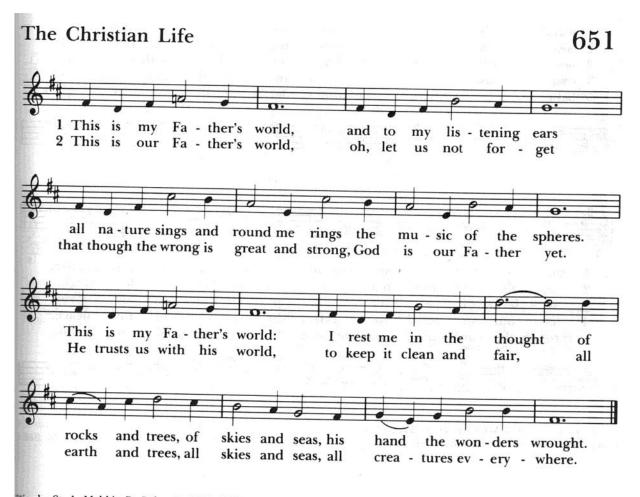
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Blessing

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn (This is My Father's World) #651



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