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## **The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Proper 6**

June 13, 2021

10:00 a.m.



## **Welcome to worship at St. Cross!**

We are a community who serves others as a sign of God's love. We strive to live into the gospel ideal of being an open and welcoming community. We know it is hard when you see your favorite people after a year (and may even have a vaccine). However, with COVID restrictions we ask that you remain in your assigned seating area and keep your mask on at all times.

The entire service is printed in this bulletin and the people's parts are in bold type. Generally, we sit for teachings and stand or kneel for prayers. Do not be concerned if you are unable to stand or kneel, do what is comfortable for you. Please let the ushers know if you need any other assistance, such as communion brought to your seat.

## Lessons and Sermon Notes

*A few words on today's lessons about what you will hear, and what you will take with you through the week.*

*Proper 6: Sunday closest to June 15—Year B*

Welcome to our parish. Today's Gospel reading is a series of brief parables in which Jesus describes the Kingdom of God. The primary image is of something that seems small and weak, but which through God grows into the greatest of its kind. Thus, until the appearance of Jesus, God's plan was unknown and hidden. But now in Jesus' ministry it is revealed as the rule of God over the entire universe.

In the first reading, God, having rejected Saul, the first king, sends Samuel to the family of Jesse of Bethlehem to choose one of his sons as king. Samuel first seeks to choose one of the strong, handsome adult sons. But God directs him not to judge by outward appearance. The youngest son, still a boy, is designated by God. God's preference for what seems insignificant in order that God's power may be manifested is a consistent theme throughout the scriptures. David will become the great king.

For a brief time, in the Eucharist, we have a foretaste of God's Kingdom, and we live in the presence of Christ as redeemed people. Not yet consummated, the Kingdom is, for a moment, revealed. It is likewise revealed whenever we, in obedience to our Lord, minister in his name to others, especially to the poor and the sick and the oppressed.

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God:  
In memory of Pamela Barnes and Emma King  
from their St. Cross Family.*

# Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

*Amazing Grace*  
arr. George Shearing

## Opening Hymn

Hymn 589

*Please stand. If attending in person, please sing with your hearts and not your voices.*



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed up - on the ground,  
2 Let not our self - ish - ness and hate this ho - ly seed re - move,  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant des - troy,



now let the dew of heaven de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.  
but give it root in ev - ery heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.

## Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.**

*Celebrant and People together say.*

**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 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.**

## **Collect of the Day**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

*Please be seated.*

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

## **Psalm 20**

*The Psalm will be read responsively. The people read the parts in bold.*

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

**Send you help from his holy place  
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

Remember all your offerings  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

**Grant you your heart's desire  
and prosper all your plans.**

We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God;  
may the Lord grant all your requests.

**Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

**They collapse and fall down,  
but we will arise and stand upright.**

O Lord, give victory to the king  
and answer us when we call.

## Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

*Please remain standing and face the gospel book. It is customary to make a small cross on one's forehead, lips, and heart at the opening acclamation as a sign that we keep the gospel ever in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Nyback

*Following the sermon, a time of silence for private meditation is observed.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

**Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

**Who 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

*Please stand. We pray for the church in all places, for the world and our nation, for the needs of others, for ourselves, and for those who have died. You are welcome to add your own petitions as we pray. To add names to the prayer list, please go to [stcross.org/pray](http://stcross.org/pray).*

*The response to “Lord in your mercy” is “**Hear our prayer.**”*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel if they are able and a period of silence is observed.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant stands and says*

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.**

## Peace

*Celebrant  
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of Christ by remaining by your chair and offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors. Please keep social distancing even if vaccinated.*

## Announcements

*Announcements are made at this time.*

# Liturgy of the Table

## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*During the setting of the table a collection is taken online at [www.stcross.org/give](http://www.stcross.org/give) or has been given in person, to support the life and ministry of St. Cross.*

## Presentation Hymn

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*The people stand as they are able. The Hymn is sung by the choir only.*

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Celebrant adds a proper preface and continues,*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People together say*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant and People together say*

**By him, and with him, and in him; in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant*

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

*People and Celebrant say together*

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the bread.*

*Celebrant*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant*

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him. And for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, and you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar as directed by the usher. Please keep 6-foot spacing from those in front of you. Take the sacrament of bread back to your seat and consume the sacrament at your seat. If you would prefer not to receive the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will offer a (non-touch) blessing instead.*

# Communion Hymn

Hymn 309

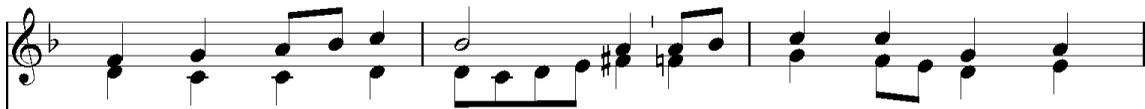
*If attending in person, please sing with your hearts and not your voices.*



1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We  
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant



hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in



ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

## Prayer After Communion

*After Communion, the people stand as they are able and the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

**Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

*The Priest blesses the people*

May the peace of the ocean wave be with you. The peace of the ocean breeze surround you. The peace of the quiet earth be in you. The peace of the night stars cover you. The deep peace of the Son of Peace be always with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Hymn 424

*If attending in person, please sing with your hearts and not your voices.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be  
3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,  
done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,  
God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,  
 God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing  
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in  
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests  
 for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

## Dismissal

*Deacon*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*  
 arr. Emma Lou Diemer

## Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Nathan Biornstad
Preacher	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Deacon	The Rev. Patti Angelo
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Cantor	Dan Wilson
Quartet	Candace Ford, Karen Lawrence, Javier Delgado, Dan Wilson
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