

**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
**Morning Prayer, The Twelfth Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**  
**August 23, 2020**

**Leader: The Rev. Shelly Pollard**

**Organist: Edward Moroney**

**Opening Hymn                      Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round      CP #497**

- 1      Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
of circling planets singing on their way;  
guide of the nations from the night profound  
into the glory of the perfect day;  
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.
  
- 2      We are of thee, the children of thy love,  
companions of thy well-belovèd Son;  
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,  
into our hearts, that we may be as one:  
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;  
as one with him, our pattern and our friend.

3 We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
one with the joy that breaketh into song,  
one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,  
one in the power that makes thy children free  
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

4 O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;  
our inspiration be thy constant word;  
we ask no victories that are not thine:  
give us the shield of faith that we may be  
Steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.

Tune: SONG I

Text: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

## **The Invitatory**

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Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength: **O come, let us worship.**

**Invitatory: Psalm 67**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading**

### **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

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 labour. 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 labour. 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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 124**

1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side -- let Israel now say --

2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

5 then over us would have gone the raging waters.

6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading      Romans 12:1-8**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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## **Gospel Reading      Matthew 16.13-20**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

Now 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.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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.**

## **Intercessions 6**

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As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19 in any way, shape, or form, and for those who work and serve and care for others in all industries and occupations, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of  
love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Closing Hymn      Your Hand, O God, Has Guided**

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1    Your hand, O God, has guided  
     your flock from age to age;  
     the wondrous tale is written,  
     full clear, on every page.

Our forebears owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

2 Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the royal feast.  
And this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

3 When shadows, thickly falling,  
engulfed the world in night,  
you summoned forth your servants,  
your messengers of light.  
On them and on your people  
your plenteous grace was poured,  
and this was still their message:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

4     And we, shall we be faithless?  
      Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
      Shall we evade the struggle  
      and cast away the crown?  
      Not so: in God's deep counsels  
      some better gift is stored;  
      The covenant of promise—  
      one church, one faith, one Lord.

5     Your mercy will not fail us,  
      nor leave your work undone;  
      with your right hand to help us,  
      Your people shall be one;  
      and then, by all creation,  
      your name shall be adored,  
      and this shall be their anthem:  
      one church, one faith, one Lord.

Tune: THORNBURY

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Music: Basil Harwood (1859-1949)