

8:30 AM

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Officiant

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 19, 2020

Announcements

Opening Hymn: *We're Marching to Zion*, (from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, 12)*



1. Come, we that love the Lord. And let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God: ___
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry; ___



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
We're march - ing through Im - man - eul's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



cord And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.
King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high. ___



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful



Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, ___



The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God. _____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); refrain by Robert S. Lowry, 1867.
Music: *Marching to Zion*, SM with Refrain, Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899)

Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever! Amen.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

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

Officiant 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.

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.**

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: 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.**

First Reading: *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:12-25*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Gradual Hymn: *One Bread, One Body*, (Gather, 830)*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
 all, one cup of bless - ing which we
 bless. And we, though man-y,
 through-out the earth, we are one
Last time to coda ⊕
 bod - y in this one Lord.
 1.Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2.Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3.Grain for the fields, scat - tered and
 free, wo - man or man _____
 works, one in the Lord _____
 grown, gath - ered to one _____

D.C. al Coda

no more.
 of all. _____
 for all.

⊕ **Coda**

Lord.

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Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield

The Nicene Creed *(please 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 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 I

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, Brenda our Rector, and for all the clergy, and people and for members of Religious Communities, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald our President, for Ralph our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Midlothian, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We offer our thanks for our Health Care Team and Ushers and for _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of blessed Matthias, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Officiant and People: Visit, O Blessed Lord, this place with gladness of your presence. Bless all who enter here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

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

People and Celebrant: 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.

Benediction *(St. Teresa of Avila)*

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *We Shall Overcome*, (from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, 227)*



1. We shall o - ver - come, _____ We shall o ver come, _____
 2. We'll walk hand in hand, to - day; We'll walk hand in hand, to day;
 3. God is on our side, to - day; God is on our side, to - day;
 4. We shall live in peace, some-day; We shall live in peace, some-day;



We shall o ver come some day; _____ Oh, _____
 We'll walk hand in hand to day; _____ Oh, _____
 God is on our side to - day, _____ Oh, _____
 We shall live in peace some - day, _____ Oh, _____



deep in my heart, I do be lieve,
 deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,
 deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,
 deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,



We shall o ver come some day. _____
 We'll walk hand in hand to - day. _____
 God is on our side, to - day. _____
 We shall live in peace some - day. _____

Words: Traditional

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Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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