

Pentecost 6


July 12th, 2020



Territorial Acknowledgement

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abenaki and Mohawk first peoples.

***May the living Christ lead us
always on pathways of
reconciliation and peace.***



*“Land acknowledgments are
a stepping stone to honouring
broken treaty relationships.”*

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

All: **Almighty God,**
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Our Collect O God of mercy, in Jesus Christ you freed us
from sin and death, and by your Holy Spirit
you nourish our mortal bodies with life.
Plant us now in good soil, that our lives may flower
in righteousness and in peace. Amen.



Je louerai l'éternel

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
Je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
Je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie,
Alléluia !

Praise, I will praise you Lord,
with all my heart,
O God I will tell the wonders of your ways and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you Lord,
with all my heart,
In you I will find the source of all my joy,
Alleluia.

Celebrant: God has promised forgiveness
to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith
and are themselves forgiving.
In silence we call to mind our sins.
(Silence)

Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. Amen.



The Venite (Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Come with thanksgiving to God's courts
And joyful psalms before Him raise.

For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in His hand;
God made the sea and it is His,
God's hands have molded the dry land.

Let us bow down and worship God
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are God's people and His sheep;
Today, then, hearken to God's Word.



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.



119(14) Your word, O Lord, is a lantern



Your word, O Lord is a lan - tern un - to my feet.

- 1 Your word O Lord is a lantern unto my feet:
and a light unto my path.
I have made a vow and am steadfastly purposed:
to keep your righteous judgements. **ANTIPHON**
- 2 Accept O Lord the offerings of my lips:
and teach me your precepts.
Deceivers have laid a snare for me:
yet have I not erred from your ways. **ANTIPHON**
- 3 Your word is my inheritance for ever:
and the very joy of my heart.
I have set my heart to fulfil your commandments:
even unto the end. **ANTIPHON**



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.



1 Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend,
and righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the foe of Christ and man
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.

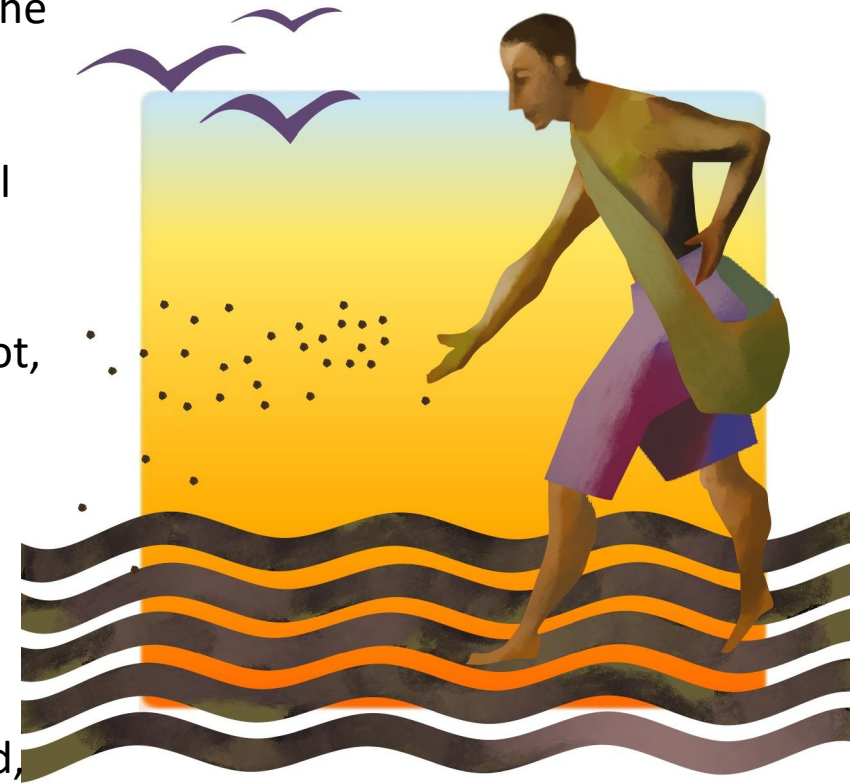
3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,
your quick'ning grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive,
its saving pow'r may know.



Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 That same day Jesus went out of the house 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."



Sermon by
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The Sewer with the Setting Sun
by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888.



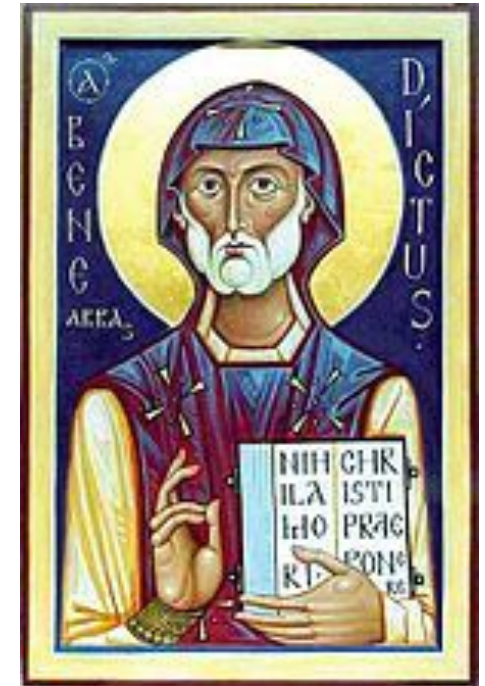
Affirmation of Faith

This creed arose from the Council of Nicaea, held in 325 CE.


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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.



Benedict of Nursia,
480-543 AD

A close-up, high-angle shot of several pairs of hands clasped together in a circle on a dark, rustic wooden table. The hands belong to people of various ages and ethnicities, suggesting a diverse group in prayer. Some hands are adorned with jewelry like a gold ring, a silver watch, and a colorful beaded bracelet. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands, with the background being dark and out of focus.

Prayers of the People
Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du Mal.
Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le Règne, la puissance et la
gloire aux siècles des siècles. Amen.**

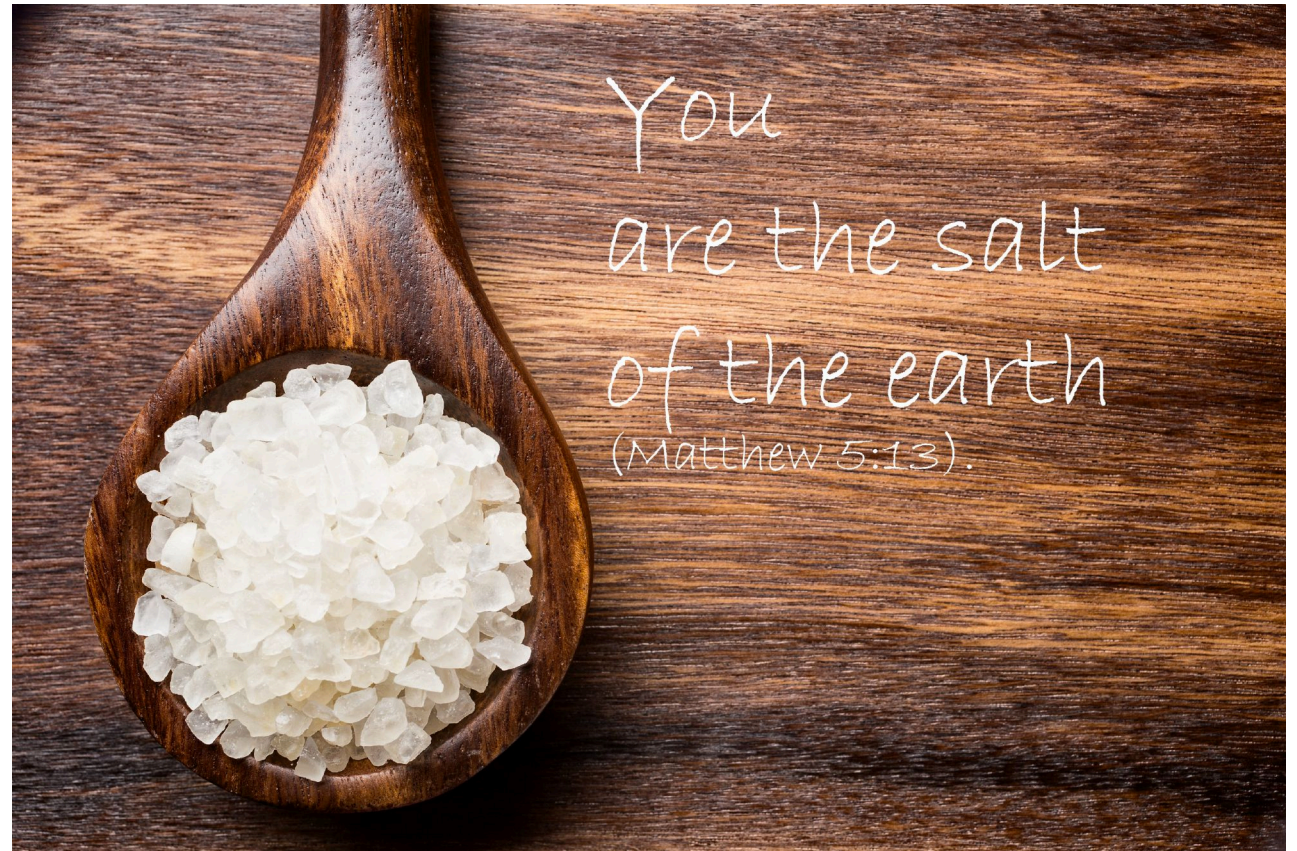


You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)



Our Closing Prayers

Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted
in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil.
So nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly.
Amen.

May the peace of God which passes all
understanding keep your hearts and minds in the
knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God
Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you
and remain with you forever. Amen.

Let us go peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

