

THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023



**Worship is from the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the Blue Hymnal. Child Care is available in the Nursery.**

**Organ Prelude:** 14. Prière in E from *École d'orgue*

*Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)*

**Entrance Hymn:** Creator Spirit, by whose aid, *Surrey*

*Hymn 500*

**Opening Sentences**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355*

**Gloria:** *Robert Jennings Powell*

*Hymn S-280*

**The Collect of the Day:** O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now

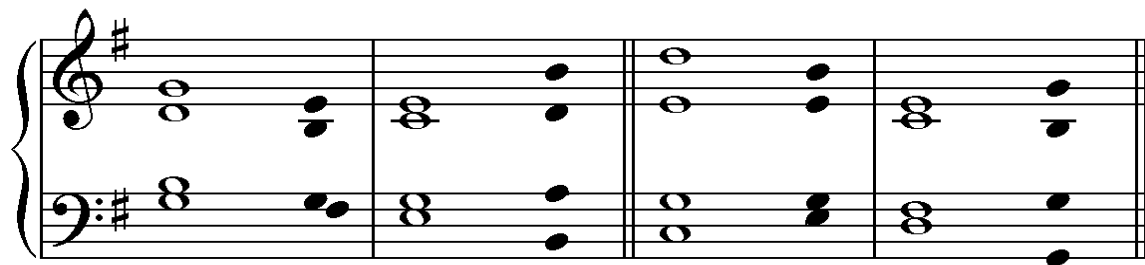
then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 45: 11-18 *Eructavit cor meum***

*The congregation chants the Psalm to a simplified Anglican chant by Robert McCormick (b. 1978)\*. (Change pitches after each | in the text).*



- 11 “Hear, O daughter; consider and listen | closely; \*  
forget your people and your father’s | house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your | beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him | honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a | gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your | favor.”
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she | enters; \*  
her gown is | cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the | king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in pro- | - cession.

16 With joy and gladness they are | brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the | king.  
17 “In place of fathers, O king, you shall have | sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the | earth.  
18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to an- | -other; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and | ever.”

### **The Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

**The Sequence Hymn:** I heard the voice of Jesus say, *The Third Tune*

*Hymn 692*

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**The Sermon**      *The Reverend Peter R. Powell*

<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<i>BCP 358</i>
<b>The Prayers of the People (Form III)</b>	<i>BCP 387</i>
<b>The Confession of Sin</b>	<i>BCP 360</i>
<b>The Peace:</b> The Peace of the Lord be always with you. <i>And also with you.</i>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Offertory Sentence</b>	
<b>Anthem at the Offertory:</b> O bread of life, for sinners broken, words by Ting Fang Lew (1892-1947), tr. Frank W. Price (1895-1974), alt. <i>The Hymnal 1982</i> ; melody by Su Yin-Lan (20 <sup>th</sup> century), arranged by Jeffrey Hoffman (b. 1970)	
<b>Offertory Doxology:</b> Praise God from whom all blessings flow, <i>Old 100th</i>	<i>Hymn 380 (vs. 3)</i>
<b>The Holy Eucharist:</b> Prayer A	<i>BCP 361</i>
<b>Sanctus et Benedictus,</b> <i>Robert J. Powell</i>	<i>Hymn S-129</i>
<b>Agnus Dei,</b> <i>Robert J. Powell</i>	<i>Hymn S-163</i>
<b>Communion Hymn:</b> How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds, <i>St. Peter</i>	<i>Hymn 644</i>
<b>Post Communion Prayer &amp; Blessing</b>	<i>BCP 366</i>
<b>Processional Hymn:</b> Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, <i>Duke Street,</i>	<i>Hymn 544</i>
<b>Dismissal:</b> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
<b>Organ Voluntary:</b> Postlude in F major, Op. 28, No. 7,	<i>Christian Cappelen (1845-1916)</i>

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*The Ficus plants on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.*

