

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Hymn

“I Love You Lord”

All

**I love You Lord, And I lift my voice  
To worship You, O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King, In what You hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear**

*Repeat all*

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## Invocation

### Confession & Absolution

**Pastor:** As we gather in Jesus’ name, to hear His Word and receive His gifts we first consider our unworthiness. We recognize that we have fallen short of the glory of God and because of our own sin should expect death and judgment. Therefore, let us reflect on God’s commands and confess our inability to keep them as we seek His mercy and forgiveness:

**People:** **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*(Moment of silent confession as we reflect on our failure to keep God’s good law)*

**Pastor:** Dear brothers and sisters, Romans 8:3 says “For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.” Because of the perfect obedient life of Christ and His innocent suffering and death on the cross on our behalf, I announce to you today the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no

root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Sermon

Jonah 4:1-5

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup> And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup> Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup> Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city.

## Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Benediction

### Closing Hymn

"Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord"

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1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For  
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor  
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your  
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On

God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is  
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God  
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -  
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -

moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.  
un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.  
fore you ask And works for what is best.  
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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