

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FL**

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Devotional Song

We Have Decided to Follow Jesus

v. 2-6 by James Byrne

*Verse 1-Traditional
Verses 2-6 by James E. Byrne*

Intro: 2 measures **C**

1. We have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus. _____
 2. For He has called us _____ to be His peo - ple. _____
 3. He is a - mong us _____ to heal our sor - row. _____
 4. He goes be - fore us _____ un - to His Fath - er. _____
 5. He sends His Spi - rit _____ to be our com - fort. _____
 6. Oh, come be with us, _____ our Ri - sen Sav - ior! _____
 7. *Repeat vs. 1.*

F **C7**

_____ We have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus. _____
 _____ For He has called us _____ to be his peo - ple. _____
 _____ He is a - mong us _____ to heal our sor - row. _____
 _____ He goes be - fore us _____ un - to His Fath - er. _____
 _____ He sends His Spi - rit _____ to be our com - fort. _____
 _____ Oh, come be with us, _____ our Ri - sen Sav - ior! _____

E_m **A_m**

_____ We have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus. _____
 _____ for He has called us _____ to be His peo - ple. _____
 _____ He is a - mong us _____ to heal our sor - row. _____
 _____ He goes be - fore us _____ un - to His Fath - er. _____
 _____ He sends His Spi - rit _____ to be our com - fort. _____
 _____ Oh, come be with us, _____ our Ri - sen Sav - ior! _____

F **C** **G7** **C** **F** **(C)**

_____ No turn - ing back. _____ No turn - ing back. _____
 _____ No turn - ing back. _____ No turn - ing back. _____
 _____ And bring us joy. _____ And bring us joy. _____
 _____ To lead us home. _____ To lead us home. _____
 _____ 'Til He re - turns. _____ 'Til He re - turns. _____
 _____ And be our joy! _____ And be our joy! _____

Opening Song

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

$\text{♩} = 66$ CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

A⁷ D G/D A⁷ D F#m

pow - er and His grace. _____ I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

₁ Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D Fine

glo - ry on each face; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

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

Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in excelsis* (*in unison*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112 (*in unison*)

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.**
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.**
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.**
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance forever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
forever and to the end.**

The Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is 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.

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

Sequence Hymn

Speak, Lord, I'm Listening

lyrics on screen

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Dr. Steve Clifton

After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.

The Nicene Creed (*in unison*)

BCP, 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (*sung*)

lyrics on screen

*In the silence which follows each petition, you are welcome to add your own intercessions:
in the silence of your heart, aloud in your home,
or (if watching the live stream) by typing them in the chat window.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

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

Deacon and People (in unison)

**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.**

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.

*All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.
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Offertory Anthem

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
Performed by Steve Clifton

by Handt Hanson

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

words on screen

THE SENDING FORTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Blessing (*pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.*)

Closing Song

Sing to the Lord a New Song

by Timothy Dudley-Smith

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

System 1:

- Chords: G, F, G, F
- Lyrics:
 - Sing a new song to the Lord,
 - Now to the ends of the earth
 - Sing a new song and re-joice,
 - Join with the hills and the sea

System 2:

- Chords: G, Dm⁷, G, F, Em
- Lyrics:

he to whom won-ders be-long! Re-joice in his
 see his sal-va-tion is shown! And still he re-
 pub-lish his prais-es a-broad! Let voic-es in
 thun-ders of praise to pro-long! In judg-ment and

6

A Em F D⁷ G Dm⁷

tri-umph and tell of his power— O sing to the
 members his mer - cy and truth, un - chang - ing in
 cho - rus, with trum - pet and horn, re - sound for the
 jus - tice he comes to the earth— O sing to the

10

Am⁷ D⁷ G Am⁷ Gmaj7 Am⁷ Final ending
G

Lord a new song!
 love to his own.
 joy of the Lord!
 Lord a new song!

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Prayer List

Please remember in your daily prayers:

Fr. Al Chapman, Camden Agboglo, Betsy Chapman, Bernice Hodgins, Olive McDonald, Lydia Williams, Mitch Leggett, Vernescia Williams. Eugene Thomas, Steve Morse, Wayne Kennedy, Rhea Minnis and her twin sons Rajah and Raimi Ross, Lucia Frett, Pat Edwards. Kenneth Rollock, Barbara Scotland. Maria & Kia

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jackie Alleyne 7/14

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