

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020



Hymn 524: "I love thy kingdom, Lord"

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St. Thomas (Williams)

Bob Workmon, tenor



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend;
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways,
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King,
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



1 the Church our blest re - deem er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
2 to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 her sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 thy hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
5 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

The Officiant begins with these sentences

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

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

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.**

Bob Workmon, tenor

I will exalt and bless your Name forever God my King,
and I will bless you every day, your praise forever sing.
Great is the Lord, much to be praised, his greatness has no end;
the declaration of his power shall age to age extend.

I will think on your majesty, the marvels you have done;
they shall speak of your wondrous acts, and I'll tell you of each one.
They shall sing of your righteous deeds, your goodness call to mind;
the Lord is gracious, slow to wrath, compassionate and kind.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons**A reading from Jeremiah (20:7–13)**

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 69:8—11, 18—20 (BCP, p. 679)

chant: John Sullivan

Bob Workmon, tenor

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.’
“Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans (6:1b–11)

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10:24–39)

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Solo: "There is a balm in Gilead"

Bob Workmon, tenor

American Spiritual

*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the holy spirit
Revives my soul again. *Refrain.*

If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all. *Refrain.*

Don't ever be discouraged
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain.*

The Nicene Creed (p. 96)

Officiant and People together

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

A prayer for transition

Almighty God, you know the needs of your church in every place: look graciously upon the people of St. James Parish, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we move through the search process for our new rector. Thank you for the faithful stewards you have provided, and will provide, for our leadership. We give thanks for those who have committed to serve on the Search Committee and ask for blessing on their endeavors. Give us discernment, wisdom, patience, and confidence in your timing. Help us to care for each other with mutual trust, respect, kindness, and clarity of purpose. You are the Good Shepherd, and we ask you to shepherd us throughout this journey. In the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers in this time of pandemic

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the church and the world.

We pray for the church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as a beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, Pierce our Interim Rector, our clergy, staff, wardens and vestry, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all affected by the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. Grant public health and government officials the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for our president, the Congress, Governors and mayors.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to racial and ethnic inequality. Let us pray for the wisdom and the will to eradicate the hatred and disrespect that weave through our culture and its official structures. And let us beg God's mercy upon this land for the unspeakable sin of slavery.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for calm in our cities, and for the safety of those who protest, and for those whose property and safety are threatened.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those known to our community who stand in need of God's healing power, remembering especially **Adrienne, Ameron, Amy, Beth John, Bill, Bouti, Ede, Fred, Hank, Jocelyn, Mary Will, Max, Sarah, Terry, and Tim...** and others who we mention at this time.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for healthcare workers. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own. Bless scientists and researchers as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources. Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as they minister to the most vulnerable among us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have already lost loved ones to the virus and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love. On this Sunday, we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, **Harriet King Iames, Thomas Workman...** And those in whose loving memory flowers have been given.... that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for fathers. We thank you for biological fathers, adopted fathers, and fathers in spirit. We thank you for fathers who work hard every day to help fulfill the needs of their families, who fix broken things and teach us how to do it ourselves, who embrace us and guide us, who love us even when they don't understand us. We know they reflect and embody your love for us as our heavenly Father. Comfort those of us who miss our fathers this day, and strengthen and bless those fathers who work so hard to love, protect, and nurture their families this day and every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

Holy and sovereign Lord, when the earth and all its people quake, you hold its pillars firm. What is uncertain and frightening to us is completely known to you and controlled by you. Look mercifully on the people of St James Parish. Although at this time we are apart from each other, we pray your Holy Spirit will unite us as one. Pour upon us your peace which passes all understanding, keep us safe and healthy, and above all, keep us mindful of those to whom we should show the love and compassion of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Hymn 537: "Christ for the world we sing!"

Moscow

Bob Workmon, tenor

Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
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with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and
with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
with one ac - cord; with us the souls, whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.



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