

## Bulletin for 23rd Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Baptism

### Prelude

### The Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**People**      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      There is one Body and one Spirit  
**People**      **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant*      One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People**      **One God and Father of all.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**      **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### First Reading *Revelation 7:9-17*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the

Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Here ends the reading.

### **Psalm 78:1-7**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

for those who fear him lack nothing.

### **The Holy Gospel** Matthew 5:1-12

Reader      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader      The Gospel of Our Lord.

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Homily**

### **The Baptismal Vows**

#### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant      Do you believe in God the Father?

**People**      **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People**      **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**People** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**
- Prayers for the Candidate**
- Celebrant* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## Baptism

### 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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 from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Announcements

## **Thanksgiving for a Baptism**

*Celebrant* All praise and thanks to you, most merciful Father, for adopting us as your own children, for incorporating us into your holy Church, and for making us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Other Intercessions**

### **Closing Prayer**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant Cassandra to be strengthened with might by his Holy Spirit, that, Christ dwelling in her heart by faith, she may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing & The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**