



# The First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
Evening Prayer Rite I

June 4, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

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*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 63.*

*Tonight's offering is designated for Music Events, which provides underwriting for concerts and special music presentations at Holy Comforter.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** Grand Dialogue in C

Louis Marchand

*The people stand as the procession enters the church.*

## **THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

### **THE PRECES**

Peter Nardone

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

**PHOS HILARON, HYMN 29** "O Trinity of blessed light"

*Bromley*

*Sung by all.*

**PSALM 111** *Confitebor tibi*

David Kelley

*Sung by the choir. The people are seated.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be forever. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-33

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land, and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains; it breathes out fiery vapors, and its bright rays blind the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; at his orders it hurries on its course. It is the moon that marks the changing seasons, governing the times, their everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for festal days, a light that wanes when it completes its course. The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself; how marvelous it is in this change, a beacon to the hosts on high, shining in the vault of the heavens! The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a glittering array in the heights of the Lord. On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places; they never relax in their watches. Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out. We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: "He is the all." Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome is the Lord and very great, and marvelous is his power. Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can, for he surpasses even that. When you exalt him, summon all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, for I have seen but few of his works. For the Lord has made all things, and to the godly he has given wisdom.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MAGNIFICAT:** Evening Service in F Major  
*Sung by the choir. The people stand.*

Harold Friedell

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.

### THE SECOND LESSON *[The people are seated.]*

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** [*Said by all, standing.*]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

**THE RESPONSES**

Peter Nardone

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Choir* Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father,

*Choir* which art in heaven...  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the State.

*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**COLLECTS AND A PRAYER FOR MISSION**

**ANTHEM: "Pilgrims' Hymn"**

Stephen Paulus

*Sung by the choir. The people are seated.*

Even before we call on Your name  
To ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You,  
You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
Surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
We breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast,  
We trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,  
Beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and for ever,  
And unto ages and ages,  
Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *[Said by all, standing.]*

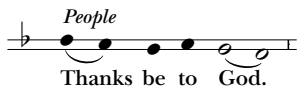
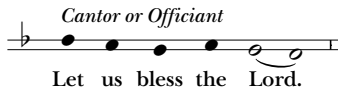
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMN 368 "Holy Father, great Creator"

*Regent Square*

*Sung by all.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE, HYMNAL, S 31



BLESSING *[The people respond,]*

**Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Pièce d'Orgue ("Organ Piece")

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The people remain standing until the procession has left the church. If you would like to stay and hear the entire postlude, please feel free to move toward the front of the nave. You are invited to join us for a reception in the narthex following the service.*