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Welcome! In this week's Gospel Reading, Jesus sends out the first disciples as laborers into the harvest. Through Holy Baptism, we, too, are anointed by Jesus for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's Table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to reach out in blessing, and to share our bread with the hungry.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Bells

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Recognizing our need for God's mercy and grace, we confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

God of heaven and earth:

We name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. We have held too tightly your gifts. We have lived for ourselves at the expense of others. Turn us again to you, O God, and toward our neighbor. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Amen.

God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, and giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of † Christ Jesus, who went to the Cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another. **Amen.**

Choir

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your hand and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture and preaching; we respond in profession of faith and prayer

First Reading

Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

²Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

**³Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**⁵Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8

The good news of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor James Dew

Anthem

"The Lord is My Shepherd" by Allen Pote

Apostles' Creed

With the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

As a people gathered, empowered, and then sent to serve, we pray for the Church, the world, and all people who seek God's mercy and care:

We pray for all who labor in the Father's vineyard, that God will move our hearts to share in the variety of tasks that bring forth the many and wonderful expressions of what it means to be Christ's Church. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the courage to put all that God gives us into use for the good of all, that as God blesses us, we may be a blessing for others. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to violence in both our neighborhoods and the world, that God will give courage to all who are working for peace, help the voices of those who have experienced injustice to be heard, and turn the hearts of all toward new ways of working for change. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the grace to recognize God leading us toward people and places where God needs us to be, that we may readily respond to those who are hurting, those who are seeking, and those who are waiting. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers for all in need, including *Bob Cauble, Frances Bara, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Janice Williams, Ralph Detwiler, Claudine Michalek, Arlene Schirmer, Kim Friesenhahn, Kenny Knippa, Bill Rickrim, Frances Franz, Alwin Schaefer, Bill Brewer, Paul Mason, Bonnie Eckhardt, Deleyce Tietze, Samuel Alvarado, Rosa Yañez, Gloria Boenisch, Nat Castillo, Ron Olson, Bill Witte, Beth Knox, Paul Boenisch, Tom Bartholemew*, and those whom we also name, that God will use us to help touch their lives with strength, healing, and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O Lord, and grant us all we need for this day, as we trust in your grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please verbally greet those nearest you these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")

MEAL

*We bring our "first fruit" offerings to the Table of the Lord
where we are strengthened and nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ*

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. From the rising of the sun to its setting, we praise your holy name. All creation looks to you, and you open your hand, filling the needs of every living thing.

You gather us around your table to feast on your promise and your presence, made known to us through Jesus, your Son.

For on the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Remembering, therefore, Christ living among us, his eating with sinners and outcasts, his dying and rising again, we await the feast he prepares for all creation redeemed, the heavenly feast which has no end:

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out, we pray, O Lord, your Holy Spirit upon this gift of holy bread, and upon all whose lives are nourished by this meal, that we might become what we receive, the body of Christ, blessed, broken, and given, for the sake of the life of the world.

Amen.

Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to pray:

**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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Grant us peace. Amen.**

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and we welcome all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament. Believing as well that Christ is fully present in either of the eucharistic elements, the consecrated bread alone will be offered to you by the Pastor during this early phase of our re-gathering. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is also available upon request.

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

God of Promise,
At this table your Son has given us his very self,
and has nourished us to be your people.
Send us now, to make his love known to all...
that we may be his heart that beats for others,
his hand that lightens burdens,
and his word of life and hope.
Send us now, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world

Announcements

Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord rest upon you...
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding
The Spirit of counsel and might
The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord
The Spirit of joy in God's presence

And the blessing of God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit
Be among you, and shine through you. **Amen.**

Choir

"To Be Your Presence"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship is central to who we are as a people of God. Every time we gather to hear and respond to the Word, to offer up our prayers for the needs of many, and to receive Christ's living presence in the consecrated bread and wine, we seek to "become what we receive", namely, the Body of Christ for the sake of the life of the world. As we are gathered, fed, and then sent back out in mission, God empowers us to be bearers of blessing and vessels of grace, commissioning us to intentionally live out the reign of God throughout the course of our weekly living.

This Week at St. John's

Today, June 14 @ 8:30am Pastor's Class
Today, June 14 @ 10:00am Worship
Wednesday, June 17 @ 12:15pm Word, Silence, and Prayer

(Please see our online calendar at www.stjohnssa.org for other events.)

Word, Silence, and Prayer

has returned to its online Zoom format.

The link for this coming Wednesday's 12:15 online gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86925725028>.

Meeting ID: **869 2572 5028**.

CAM Annual Back-to-School Program

If you are interested in "adopting" a child and purchasing the school supplies they will need for the school year, please contact:

Nora Oyler noyler@cam-sa.org or call 210-223-4099

Volunteers are needed in a variety of other areas, as well.

*For prayer requests, please contact the church office
(210) 223-2611 or info@StJohnsSA.org
The Prayer List is updated monthly (or as needed).*



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