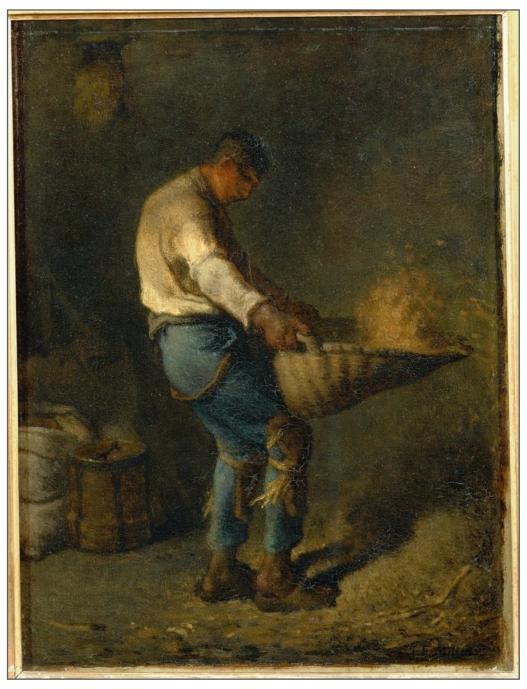
# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 19, 2020 10:00 a.m. At-Home Packet



The Winnower, (c. 1847 - 1848), Jean Francois-Millet

#### **GATHERING**

# **Preparing for Virtual Worship**

**S**et up a particular space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon or something similar to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to "enter" a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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.

### Prelude: Preludes on Three Welsh Hymn Tunes

Sam Batt Owens

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Sam Batt Owens (1928 - 1998) enjoyed a long career as a well-known organist, composer, and church musician.

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# **Opening Acclamation**

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest* Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The Epistle Romans 8:12-25

**B**rothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

# The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the

enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Meditation The Rev. Zac Koons

### Hymn of the Day: I Will Trust In the Lord

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die; I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die. Sister will you trust in the Lord... Brother will you trust in the Lord... I'm gonna treat my neighbor right... I'm gonna hold my savior's hand...

The message of this Spiritual is invoked in the book by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove that is being read by our church family. This version of the Spiritual comes from Lift Every Voice and Sing II, An African American Hymnal, published by The Episcopal Church.

Words: Traditional Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence* 

### The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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.

#### Announcements

### **The Offertory**

Solo: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradbury arr. Dale Wood

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

#### Thomas Middleton, soloist

The words of this hymn are attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847). She wrote the poem for English children to sing in Sunday School around 1830. It was more than twenty years later that the tune we presently know was composed by the American musician William Bradbury (1816-1868). When Bradbury composed this tune, he modified the original words meant for children and broadened the meaning to include all the congregation.

# The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# Postlude: Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

Johnson was born in San Antonio in 1922. After studies at Trinity University, he went north to pursue degrees at the Curtis Institute and Syracuse University. Much of his career was spent as a professor at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he died in 1987. Johnson wrote many "Trumpet Tunes" as birthday gifts for his wife Margaret.

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# **Eating Together: Suggestions for Your Table**

We invite you to use this packet to deepen your home worship, which parallels Sunday's readings, music and prayers, and we hope it offers resources for thoughtful reflection for you and your family.

Lend your voice to the lyrics from Sunday's Hymn of the Day, *I Will Trust in the Lord*, below, speaking them aloud, slowly and deliberately:

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die; I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord 'til I die. Sister will you trust in the Lord... Brother will you trust in the Lord... I'm gonna treat my neighbor right... I'm gonna hold my savior's hand...

How do you feel when you hear these words out loud, swirling in your mouth, reverberating in your ribcage, and echoing through your mind? It's almost like a meditation, a mantra, visceral, until it is truly felt, and sits down inside you, marinating. In current times, we are often left wondering who CAN we trust? The answer is here, in these lyrics. What does it mean to you to truly trust in the Lord? Are you ready? While you are meditating, listen to a version of this hymn by the great Mahalia Jackson <a href="here">here</a>.

### Here's a prayer you can use before dinner:

Faithful God, you care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you. Through Christ, may we hear more deeply your call to be rooted in your way. Amen.



Trust, photo by Joanne Foote

# Resources for Children and Youth

#### **CHILDREN:**

**Kids Club:** This month, we are learning about "Jonah's Adventure." Follow along with our weekly videos, posted each Sunday at <a href="stmarksaustin.org/kids-club">stmarksaustin.org/kids-club</a>, and catch up on previous lessons on our <a href="YouTube channel">YouTube channel</a>.



### YOUTH: Grades 6th - 12th

Youth will continue to gather (virtually) throughout the summer. Check out the calendar for July <a href="here">here</a>.. Be sure to let <a href="Casey">Casey</a> know if you'd like to be added to the weekly youth newsletter email list.



#### PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers: Heather Azarmehr, Christine Brunson, Eric Boudreau, Joan Chapmond, Beth Chenoweth, Mac Dailey, Jodi Doran, Courtney Farris, Russ Farris, Nicole Flores, Jana Kay Green, Steven Jennings, Marcille, Jesse Martin, Charles Osterberg, Cilla Parkinson, Jonea Raney, Jennifer Pollard Ruiz, Samuel, Mary Smith, Jordan Sondgeroth, Jeffrey Todd, Kim Todd, Michael Todd, Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Aaron Walpole.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Grace Arsiaga, Ella Cacali, Natalie Duffin, Susan Hass, JD Lewis, Jeremy Payne, Ryan Marquess, Michael Quinones, Daniel Zuniga, Tommy Bryant, Mary-Alis Kelly.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Melissa & Edward Osterberg, Kathryn & Bill Pollard, Cilla & Brian Parkison.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Sunday School & Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.: join us for a series on Outreach and Mission. Special guest this week: Irit Umani from Trinity Center.
- **Final week: Rector's Book Group, Monday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m.:** join Fr. Zac and Mthr. Mary, along with a special guest, author Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove! Read through chapters 8-9 of *Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom From Slaveholder Religion*. Access link on our website here.
- Morning Prayer, Mondays Fridays, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. Links posted on our website each day <a href="https://www.stmarksaustin.org">www.stmarksaustin.org</a>.
- Contemplative Prayer Group, Saturdays, 9 a.m. Access link here.
- Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study will resume on July 28 (no class on 7/21): Mother Mary leads the group through a discussion on the Gospel of Matthew. This <u>link</u> will be active on day of the event.
- **Welcome Table is looking for volunteers!** As our Sunday guest Eric Kennedy pointed out last week, this ministry based at St. James' Episcopal Church, is making 200-400 food deliveries a week. If you'd like help making phone calls, packing food bags, or delivering food bags, go <a href="here">here</a>.



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#### The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, Bishop of Texas

The Rev. Zac Koons, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, Theologian-in-Residence

Casey Bushman, Director of Christian Formation

Barbara Gausewitz, Seminarian

Irma Glover, Sexton

The Rev. Mary Keenan, Curate

Mark Reed, Organist/Director of Music and Bookkeeper

Joanne Foote, Parish Administrator

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