

THE WORD OF GOD

TAKE-HOME INSERT

(Sixth Sunday after Pentecost IRCL – Proper 7)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

Beloved God,

You are present within us

“Like fire burning” in our hearts:

Burn away the shame that imprisons our souls;

Burn away the rage that drives us to vengeance;

Burn away the fear that despairs of your love;

Leave nothing buried in our ashes,

But hearts “alive to You in Christ Jesus.” Amen.

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

YOU fooled me, YHWH, and I let myself be fooled. You were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All day long, I am an object of laughter. Everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, proclaiming violence and desolation. The word of YHWH has brought me derision and reproach all day long. I say to myself, “I will not mention God, nor will I speak in the Name of YHWH any more.” But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it. Yes, I hear the whispering of many, “Terror all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce Jeremiah!” All who were my friends are watching for any misstep. They say, “Perhaps he will trip up, then we can get the better of him and take our vengeance on him.” But YHWH is with me, like a mighty champion. My persecutors will trip up, they will not triumph. They will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable disgrace. YHWH Omnipotent, you who test the just, who probe both mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to YHWH, praise to YHWH, for God has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the corrupt!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 69: Lord, in Your Great Love (Michel Guimont)

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Christian Scriptures

The Epistle

Romans 6:1b-11

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Community at Rome.

Should we go on sinning so that grace might abound? Of course not! We're dead to sin, so how can we continue to live in it? Don't you know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into Christ's death? We've been buried with Jesus through baptism, and we joined with Jesus in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by God's glory, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in the likeness of Christ's death, we will also be united with Christ in the likeness of Christ's resurrection. We must realize that our former selves have been crucified with Christ to make the body of sin and failure completely powerless, to free us from slavery to sin: for when people die, they have finished with sin. But we believe that, having died with Christ, we will also live with Christ – knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again: death is now powerless over our Savior. When Christ died, Christ died to sin, once for all, so that the life Christ lives is now life in God. In this way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin-but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household! Don’t let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops. Don’t fear those who can deprive the body of life but can’t destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna. Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God’s knowledge. As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So don’t be afraid of anything – you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows. Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven. Don’t suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword. I have come to turn a son against his father, a daughter against her mother, in-law against in-law. One’s enemies will be the members of one’s own household. Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me are not worthy of me. Those who will not carry with them the instrument of their own death – following in my footsteps – are not worthy of me. You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your life for my sake will find it.”

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Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning! After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Rise Thew Forrester
Preacher:	Vince Reed
Deacon:	Coralie Hambleton
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Tom Cappuccio
Second Reader:	Dan Carpenter
Prayers of the People:	Marcia Franz
Chalice Bearers:	Larry Shell and Mary Sullivan
Ushers:	Jan and Katie Edwards
Server:	Faith Cole
Altar Guild:	Kate Kenney and Jean Contois
Nursery Attendant:	
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Pat Micklow and Judd Spray and Kai Carrigan
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Kay Payant
Children's Ministry	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	MGH: Marcia Franz; Warren Glass: Kai Carrigan; Bill Mudge: Dan and Barb Carpenter

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Tuesday, 24 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
Wednesday, 25 th	Evening Prayer	5:30 pm
	Soup Supper	6:00 pm
Thursday, 26 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
Sunday, 29 th	Holy Eucharist: 7 Pentecost	10:30 am

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory or celebration of a loved one can sign up on the list on the board in the atrium. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jayne McQuaid at 226-2355.

Outreach Sunday

Next Sunday is Outreach Sunday. Please consider a contribution to either or both of the following outreach efforts:

1. *Combat local hunger* – Nonperishable food items and designated money are given alternately to two Marquette area food pantries: *The Salvation Army* or *St. Vincent de Paul*
2. Each month, a different local social service agency receives our outreach contributions. This month's agency is: *Harbor House*

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Food Bank items for June are: Instant mashed potatoes, gravy, and salt and pepper. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing "Food Donations" on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash. Both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 360-8214 or email him at larry@shell-family.com.

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