Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee
All Diocese Online Worship
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020

Welcome a prophet as a prophet
Matthew 10:41a

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The Acclamation

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 551  
Rise up, ye saints of God!

All read aloud the portions that are in bold.

Collect of the Day

Presider  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.

Presider  Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson  
Jeremiah 28:5-9
The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against
many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;
   from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;
   you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
   I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
4 ‘I will establish your line for ever,
   and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
   they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
16 They rejoice daily in your Name;
   they are jubilant in your righteousness.
17 For you are the glory of their strength,
   and by your favor our might is exalted.
18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler;
   the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Epistle Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Celtic Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Said by all.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again...
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People during Global Pandemic

Presider O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; in this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church and the world.

Deacon For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Steven our Bishop, and all who minister in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down and bonds of trust strengthened, to benefit the entire human family. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For our nation and its leaders. Grant our public health and government officials the will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion. We pray especially for Donald, President of the United States, and all who advise him; for Congress and our courts of justice; for governors and local elected officials; and for all candidates for public office. May each do their part to make us a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For healthcare workers and all essential workers, who with hearts of service stand on the front lines, providing care and maintaining the systems that sustain us all. Grant them courage and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For the safety and well-being of all who travel and those who remain quarantined. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.
Deacon For those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work and from the many strains and losses of this time. Call us to support one another in love, sharing resources as we are able. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For our churches and communities of faith, that they may reflect your love as they minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill us with your Holy Spirit as we work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all those who mourn, that they may know the consolation of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Human Family

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The 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.

Blessing
Concluding Hymn 655  

O Jesus, I have promised

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1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
2 O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
3 O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,

be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;

I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Dismissal
Deacon  Let us bless the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
Postlude
Participants in today’s service:
The Rt. Rev. Steven Andrew Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee and Preacher
The Rev. Mike McElwee, Presider
The Rev. Bill Dunlop, Deacon
Jenny Gettel, Pianist
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