

# Sunday, June 6, 2021

## Lectionary 10, Year B

### Introduction

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

### Order of Worship

Communion Sunday with Pastor Peterman preaching and presiding, her last Sunday/day at Grace. The service will conclude with a service of Interim Pastor Farewell and Godspeed, in which the symbols of the pastoral office – shell, bible, chalice and paten – are returned to Grace, that they may be given to the new pastor to take them up to exercise the pastoral office in this place.

3 leaders of Grace will be needed at the various stations to speak the lines in the Farewell and to receive back the symbols of the pastoral office on behalf of the congregation. (The rite is attached separately, set up and ready to print.)

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.  
Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the  
same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Readings**

**[1 Corinthians 3:5-9](#)**

*God gives the growth*

**[Mark 3:20-35](#)**

*Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ*

#### **Reading: I Corinthians 3:5-9**

*Speaking to the members' of the Corinthian church's tendency to divide themselves,  
which hindered the mission that God gave them, Paul reminded them that human leaders  
are meant to point beyond themselves to God.*

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as  
the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So  
neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives  
the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and  
each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants,  
working together; you are God's field, God's building.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C THANKS BE TO GOD.**

#### **Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is  
demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by  
the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

When I say, “Lord, in your mercy,” you respond, “**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**”

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all in this and every place. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any kind of need.

Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend your grace to more and more people.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your mercy, remembering before you loved ones we name before you in our hearts *pause*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### **Interim Pastor Farewell & Godspeed**

See separate order. It is ready for printing, attached on the same email.  
It goes here, with this title, before the blessing.

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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