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Processional Hymn: #554: *'Tis the gift to be simple*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 355

The Gloria

Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Genesis 9.1-13

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

⁶Whoever sheds the blood of a human,
by a human shall that person's blood be shed;
for in his own image
God made humankind.

⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is

with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.^{*}¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’¹² God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Response: “Seeing a New World “by Annie Dillard

It was sunny one evening last summer at Tinker Creek; the sun was low in the sky, upstream, I was sitting on the sycamore log bridge with the sunset at my back, watching the shiners the size of minnows who were feeding over the muddy sand in skittery schools. Again and again, one fish, then another, turned for a split second across the current and flash! the sun shot out from its silver side, I couldn’t watch for it. It was always just happening somewhere else, and it drew my vision just as it disappeared: flash, like a sudden dazzle of the thinnest blade, a sparking over a dun and olive ground at chance intervals from every direction. Then I noticed white specks, some sort of pale petals, small, floating from under my feet on the creek’s surface, very slow and steady.

So I blurred my eyes and gazed towards the brim of my hat and saw a new world. I saw the pale white circles roll up, roll up, like the world’s turning, mute and perfect, and I saw the linear flashes, gleaming silver, like stars being born at random down a rolling scroll of time. Something broke and something opened. I filled up like a new wineskin. I breathed an air like light; I saw a light like water. I was the lip of a fountain the creek filled forever; I was ether, the leaf in the zephyr; I was flesh-flake, feather, bone.

Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups, edited by Richard Foster and James Bryan Smith (HarperOne Publishing)

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8.27-33

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’²⁸ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’²⁹ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’^{*}³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Sermon

**The Rt. Rev. Michael Hunn,
Bishop of the Diocese of Rio Grande**

Prayers of the People:

Intercessor: In confidence we pray to the Creator, through the Redeemer, in the Sustainer, saying: Blessed Trinity, One God; **hear the prayers of your people.**

You have called your Church to live in peace and promised to be with us to the end of the age: Like Mary of Magdala and Stephen, let our witness be bold; like Philip, let our encounters be transformative, baptizing disciples in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed Trinity, One God; **hear the prayers of your people.**

In a world suffering from poverty, war, famine, and despair, keep us mindful that you have called us to be a blessing to the people. You exalt the merciful, the just, and those who strive for peace. We lift up in prayer and encourage those who work for peace and justice, especially among the races.

Blessed Trinity, One God; **hear the prayers of your people.**

We lament that our beloved nation finds itself beset with division, distrust, and discord. We yearn for wisdom, discernment, and humility in our nation's leaders. We ask you to plant in their hearts a sense of justice and equity so they may be led to wise decisions for the welfare of our nation and the world. We ask that our nation make it a priority to repent and make amends for the heavy costs borne by those whom we made slaves for our own advantage.

Blessed Trinity, One God; **hear the prayers of your people.**

We pray for boldness as we go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. May our actions reflect the love and grace you have shown us. May we be freed from judgment and condemnation and full of compassion and love. May we reach out with hospitality, sincere repentance, and offers of redress to those whom we have excluded because of their race.

Blessed Trinity, One God; **hear the prayers of your people.**

Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. *(Please add your names silently or aloud).*

We also lift up those who have died, today remembering all those who have died of gun violence. *(Please add your names silently or aloud.)*

Remembering the lives of Frederick Douglass, John Henry Newman, Eric Liddell, Polycarp, and all those who have gone before us, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **Amen.**

Presider: Generous and life-giving God, whose Child became poor for our sake, hear the prayers we offer this day and pour your abundance on all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The offering is for scholarships for Triennial.

Hymn #482: Lord of all hopefulness

Doxology (Hymn #380)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Communion Hymn #325 *Let us break bread together on our knees*

Postcommunion Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #529: In Christ there is no East nor West

The Dismissal

The Right Rev'd Michael Hunn, Bishop of Rio Grande – Presider and Preacher

The Rev. Francisco Vargas, Deacon – Gospeler

The Ven. Patricia Soukup – Gospeler and Deacon of the Table

The Vens. Steven Costa and Janet Tidwell – lectors

The Ven. Faye Sommers - intercessor

The Vens. Chris Harpster and Charleen Crean – chalice bearers

Many thanks to the Venerable Patricia Soukup for providing everything needed for this evening's Eucharist!