

"The Serpent Before the Fall" (2014), Mark Dion

SUNDAY, LECTIONARY 10

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church June 6, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Lectionary 10 Sunday, June 6, 2021

In accordance with the guidelines of the CDC and of Pima County, Arizona:

Mouth and nose coverings (masks) are optional for worshipers who have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Masks are required for worshipers who have not been vaccinated for Covid-19.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pastor Stephen Springer

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.

PROLOGUE [9:30 a.m.]

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Adagio (from Organ Symphony no. 3, op. 28) Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Louis Vierne was a French organist and composer best known for his long tenure as principal organist for the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. He spent most his life legally and practically blind. Among his many organ works, he is best known for his symphonies, pieces for solo organ that are constructed on a grand scale, both in terms of form and tonality. The Adagio movement from his 3rd Symphony contains all the hallmarks of his style, including extended melodic lines and impressionistic harmonies.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 8:9-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

A reading from Genesis.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

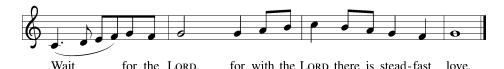
- "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
- ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 29

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



'Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O Lord;

²O Lord, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O Lord, | who could stand?

⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared. REFRAIN

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love; with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸For the Lord shall | redeem Israel

from | all their sins. REFRAIN

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: The ruler of this world will be | driven out.* And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people | to myself. [John 12:31-32]

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

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

The Holy Gospel According to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord**.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But 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.

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

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and

your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The prayer petitions are frequently written or modified by the assisting minister, and vary between the first and second worship services.)

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, **"Hear our prayer."**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION [9:30 a.m.]

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Improvisation

COMMISSION

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** **SENDING SONG**

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW # 537



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (All Glory be to God on High) Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Georg Böhm was a German Baroque organist and composer who many scholars think was a teacher and mentor to a young J. S. Bach. His setting of Allein Gott, the Lutheran Gloria, is highly imitative, deriving its motivic material from the chorale tune. The chorale prelude is best played with the standard full German Baroque registration, the Plenum, creating an exciting and grandiose effect.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

At 8:00 a.m.	At 9:30 a.m.
Todd Scholer, assisting minister	John Hoelter, assisting minister
Perla Casas Villa, song leader	Gail Eifrig, lector
Eric Holtan, cantor	Eric Holtan, cantor
Kevin Seal, accompanist	Kevin Seal, organist