



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*

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Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service, and nursery care is provided. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

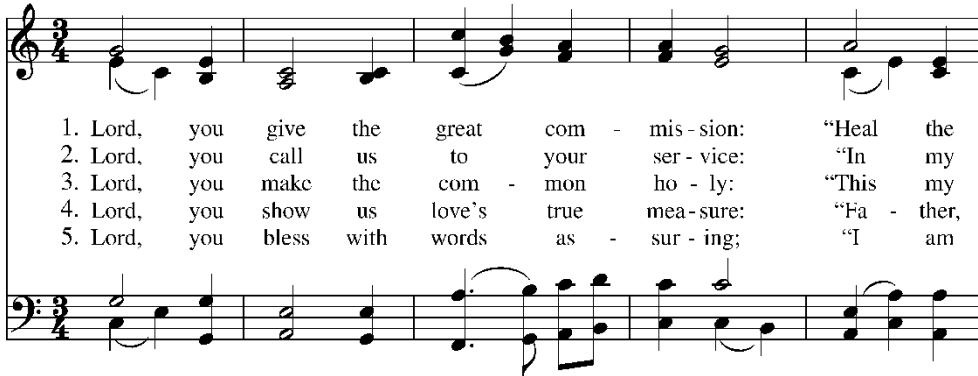
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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

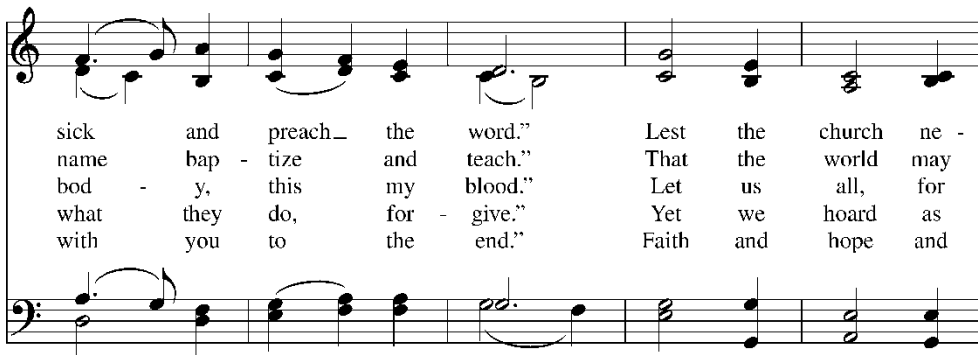
## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

Wonder, Love & Praise, #780 Lord, you give the great commission *Abbot's Leigh*



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,  
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach - the word." Lest the church ne -  
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -  
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for  
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -  
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly  
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us  
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

*Refrain*


with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 hold in mind c - ter - ni - ty. } With the Spir - it's

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934), Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).


## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

*People*



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

## Gloria

Helen Hendry



Glo-ry to God in the High-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

5 Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - migh-ty God and — Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

10 give you thanks, we praise you for your — glo - ry! Lord Je - sus Christ,

15 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

22 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are seat-ed at the

27 right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* May God be with you

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

**T**he LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he

said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

*Reader*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*     ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 138**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 3 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 4 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though you are high, you care for the lowly; \*  
you perceive the haughty from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your mighty hand shall save me.
- 8 O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; \*  
your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands

## Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-19

**A**s you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and - bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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## The Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."



And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

*A period of silent reflection is observed.*

**The Nicene Creed**

***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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.***

*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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

### **Prayers of the People - Form III, adapted**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Nicole, Etta, Barbi, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin,

David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and for those we now name \_\_\_\_\_. Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

We pray for those who have died, especially those we now name \_\_\_\_\_. Give to the departed eternal rest.  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

For what else shall we pray?

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings and petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.*

*One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or Enriching Our Worship 1 may be said.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,***

*to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

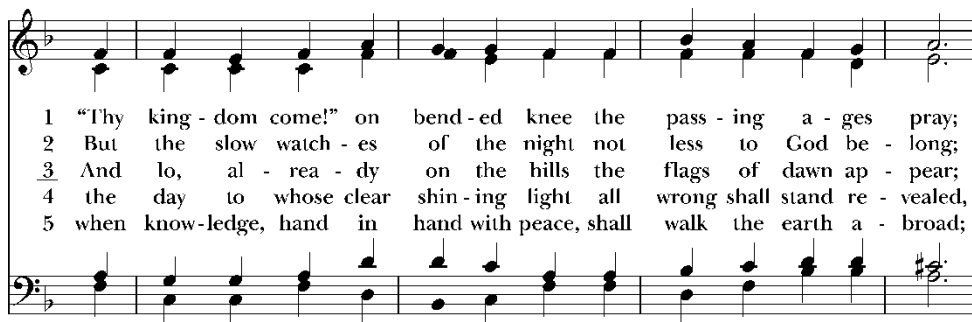
**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

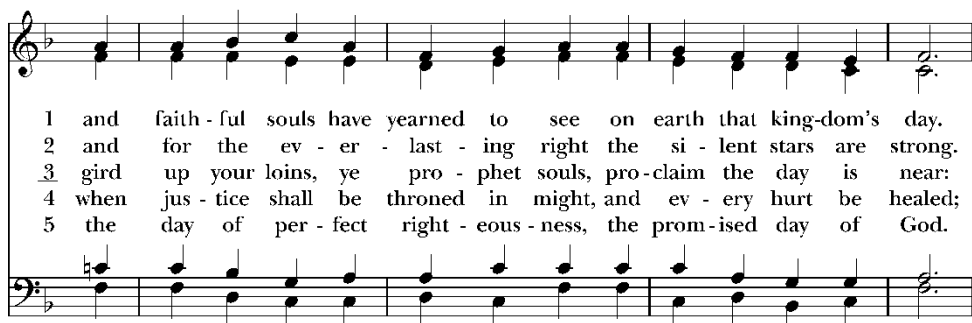
### Offertory

The Hymnal 1982, #615 “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

*St. Flavian*



1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;  
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

May God be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

### *Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### Sanctus

Helen Hendry

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might,

6 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless - ed is

14 He who comes in the name — of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High-est!

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**The Lord's Prayer** *Contemporary*

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung*

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)  
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## Fraction Anthem

Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;





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*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion of the People

### Invitation to Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself, so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love, all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

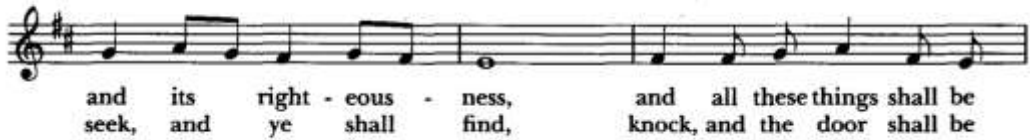
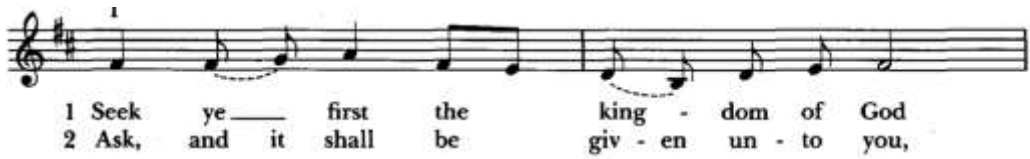
Following the direction of the ushers, come forward to the communion rail, where you may kneel or stand. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

To receive the bread, your right palm on top of your left palm. *Gluten-free wafers are available.*

Please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. To receive the wine, please help guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not receive wine, you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread.

*Due to our Diocesan health policy*, we ask you not to dip your communion bread into the chalice (*i.e.*, intinction). If you are not comfortable drinking directly from the chalice, you are welcome to receive just the bread; or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you.

If you are unable to come to the altar rail, notify an usher, and we will bring communion to you.





Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

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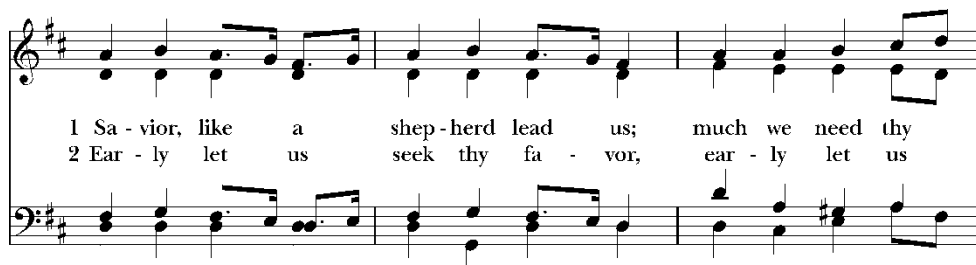
Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

13. 11. 7 with Alleluias

The Hymnal 1982, #708

Savior, like a shepherd

*Sicilian Mariners*



ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

### Postcommunion Prayer

*God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

# The Blessing

The Hymnal 1982, #709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Dundee



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;  
 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;  
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;  
 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,  
 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:  
 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.  
 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!  
 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

*Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)*

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## Dismissal

*The Deacon dismisses the People, who respond:*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

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## Notes on the Service for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- The Rev. Stephen Weissman

**Trusting in God** is a major theme of today's propers. "When I called, you [God] answered me," testifies today's psalm. Today's first reading and Gospel provide other instances of reliance on God's reliability. Likewise, today's collect addresses God as the "protector of all that trust in thee." The collect also says that without God "nothing is strong, nothing is holy," a condition today's epistle applies to pagans "who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh..." but were then made alive in Christ.

Today's lesson from Genesis takes up just six verses from the end of last Sunday's lesson. Abraham, in a show of *chutzpa*, bargains with the Lord, eventually persuading God to spare Sodom for the sake of as few as ten innocent inhabitants. The assumption behind this story is *collective guilt*, the belief that if one resident of a town or one member of a clan sins, then the whole town or clan is guilty of that one's misdeed. Abraham is posing the converse case, *i.e.*, if a few virtuous residents can save their entire city. Not until centuries after the authors of Genesis 18 did Israelites move toward the idea of *individual* rather than collective guilt. Then the prophets Ezekiel and Jeremiah taught that only "the soul that sins, it shall die." Yet a third view will appear

next Sunday, the view of Ecclesiastes that time and chance happen to the guilty and the innocent alike, regardless of merit.

Like the first reading, Psalm 138 is an example of trusting prayer. Verse 1 which our Prayer Book translates “before the gods I will sing your praise,” as if the psalmist is praising the LORD despite of or in the face of other gods, has also been translated, I “will sing a hymn to You before the divine beings,” as if the LORD is attended by supernatural beings such as seraphim.

Colossians is reminding Gentile-born readers that they have been “spiritually circumcised,” *i.e.*, made spiritual descendants of Abraham and Sarah by baptism. Thus transformed, the Colossian converts must not be deceived by Gnosticism or whatever speculations had been enticing them away from the truth in whom the Deity dwells bodily and who overcame the powers of evil.

Today’s Gospel is about prayer. Luke’s version of the Lord’s Prayer is shorter than the one commonly used in liturgies, Matthew’s version. The ensuing parables show confident persistence like that of Abraham. Knock and it shall be opened, says Jesus, for God is the trustworthy Father.

July 25 was the feast of James the Greater, who with his brother John and Peter, formed Jesus’ inner circle. He was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa in A.D. 44. A medieval legend holds that James went to Spain and that his body lies in Compostella, the pilgrimage site.

## **Sunday Service Schedule**

8:00 AM Rite I – Spoken Eucharist

10:30 AM Rite II with music

## **Weekday Service Schedule**

7:00 AM on Thursdays

## **Parish Office Hours**

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Thursday 8 AM-4 PM,  
Friday 8 AM-Noon

<b>Trinity Food Ministry Schedule</b>		
<b><i>Food Pantry &amp; takeout hot meal</i></b>	<b><i>Cafe - drop in for a meal &amp; conversation</i></b>	<b><i>Sunday Hot Lunch</i></b>
Tues: 1:30pm - 3pm Thurs: 4pm - 5pm	Wed: Noon - 2pm	Sunday: 2pm - 2:30pm

## Served in June

Pantry: 167 Households, 462 Individuals served

Weekday Hot Meals: 400

Sunday Hot Lunch: 300



From Father Paul

Dear Ones,

I don't generally look backwards as far as the calendar of saints' days is concerned, but I want to make an exception for Mary Magdalene, whose feast day was yesterday, July 22. Beyond her being the first person to witness the resurrected Jesus, and the woman most mentioned by name in the New Testament, after Mary the mother of Jesus, the scriptures don't tell us a great deal about Mary Magdalene.

Luke tells us that she was one of several women who, cured of various maladies, followed Jesus and the disciples, "helping to support them out of their own means" (Luke 8:3). The gospel writers never name male benefactors...I'm just saying.



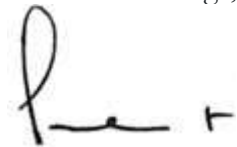
But people tend to be uncomfortable with stories that have missing pieces. So, it was perhaps inevitable that Mary of Magdala became fused with Mary of Bethany, and the unnamed sinner in Luke 7. In 591 CE, Pope Gregory the Great solidified this misunderstanding in a sermon. Over time, in countless depictions, her hair became flowing, and wavy, and red.

Mary Magdalene is a beacon of hope for me in a time when the government of this country is aggressively seeking to turn back the clock on the status of women. Women who speak out against policies that harm others are quickly disparaged or demonized. Mary was the woman chosen to bring the good news of the resurrection to the disciples. Without her witness, and the witness of countless generations of women, you and I wouldn't be here. So, this week, let us remember and give thanks for Mary's "light and lovely" news! Here is Malcolm Guite's sonnet for the day.

### **Mary Magdalene**

Men called you light so as to load you down,  
And burden you with their own weight of sin,  
A woman forced to cover and contain  
Those seven devils sent by Everyman.  
But one man set you free and took your part  
One man knew and loved you to the core  
The broken alabaster of your heart  
Revealed to Him alone a hidden door,  
Into a garden where the fountain sealed,  
Could flow at last for him in healing tears,  
Till, in another garden, he revealed  
The perfect Love that cast out all your fears,  
And quickened you with love's own sway and swing,  
As light and lovely as the news you bring.

Summer blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Guite', written in a cursive style.



**"I invite you to join me in supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal,** to share your thread in this sacred tapestry of justice, compassion, and resurrection. Together, we are repairing the fabric of our world, not with might, but with small acts of steadfast love. Thank you for your gracious generosity, your steadfast faith, and above all, your eager willingness to be part of God's unfolding story.

You are a vital thread in this vision of hope, and I am honored to walk alongside you."

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson,  
11th Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Full text of Bishop's Letter is available here:  
([https://mcusercontent.com/4279478bfb7f69e128629f53/files/595a75a3-418f-18b6-c830-baf5f0d84288/Bishops\\_Appeal\\_Letter\\_2025.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/4279478bfb7f69e128629f53/files/595a75a3-418f-18b6-c830-baf5f0d84288/Bishops_Appeal_Letter_2025.pdf)) .

#### How to Give

##### \* Mail

Send your gift to:  
The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri  
1210 Locust Street  
St. Louis, MO 63103

##### \* Online

Visit the "Give" page (<https://diocesemo.org/give>) and select "Bishop's Annual Appeal"



#### **Vestry Meeting Summary July 14, 2025**

The Vestry meeting on July 14, 2025, began with evening prayer at 5:36 PM, and the minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved. The Treasurer's report highlighted the

need to identify pledging patterns among members and the Junior Warden noted pending insurance adjustments related to tornado damages. Program updates included the stewardship committee's upcoming meeting to discuss campaign resources and themes, and the finalization of the job description for the Trinity Food Ministry (TFM) Manager. TFM aims to fill the Manager role by October 1st and is preparing for potential impacts from national budget cuts to SNAP and Medicaid. Vestry discussions also covered the possibility of printed name tags for members, rather than handwritten, and the scheduling of annual combined services.

The Senior Warden reported progress on retrieving a misdirected check from a bequest, while the Junior Warden updated on ongoing tornado damage repairs and plans for a permanent outdoor water fountain. The Rector's report included thanks to Deacon Diana Wheeler, Deacon Barbi Click, and Fr. Steve Wiessmann for their assistance during Deacon Harry's sabbatical; updates on the involvement of the DSA in Sunday Hot Lunch; updates on parishioners' housing situations; and the introduction of a debit card for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Any parishioners wanting to make contributions can write checks payable to the fund, and anyone needing assistance should meet with Fr. Paul.

Fr. Paul will be on vacation from August 6 to 20, with the Rev. Anne Kelsey covering services in his absence. The Vestry decided to forego the August meeting due to Fr. Paul's vacation, with the next meeting scheduled for September 16th. The meeting concluded with a prayer at 6:22 PM.



## **The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri**

### **Calling All Trinitarians: Your Diocese Needs You**

It's that time of year again when we invite those with a heart for service to consider stepping into diocesan leadership. This year brings several opportunities to contribute meaningfully to our shared mission.

As a Trinitarian, we encourage you to explore the following openings:

- \* **Cathedral Chapter** Similar to a parish Vestry, this body includes members from across the Diocese. One lay position is currently open.
- \* **Diocesan Council** Responsible for developing and overseeing budget expenditures. One lay position is available.

- \* **Disciplinary Board** Assists with matters involving clergy disciplinary cases. One lay leadership role needs to be filled.
- \* **Standing Committee** Advises the Bishop, certifies candidates for ordination, and fulfills other key duties. One lay leadership opportunity awaits.

If you feel called to serve—or wish to learn more—please visit the Diocesan Nomination (<https://diocesemo.org/connect/news/2025nominations>) page or reach out to **Mike Fowlkes**.

Thanks for your consideration!



**Tammy O'Donnell** will appear in "Steel Magnolias" July 24 - August 1. Tickets are available here: <https://metrotix.eventue.net/events/TES24JUL25> .

**We are now in the throes of a Saint Louis summer.** This heat dome is deadly. If you feel the need to help, face cloths/wash cloths are very helpful for those who come in after having been out in this heat. Also, cases of bottled water are needed.



**TRINITY**  
FOOD MINISTRY  
SAINT LOUIS

There are still at least 100 people that I have not seen since one or two weeks before the tornado. Its devastating effects continue to linger. I assume that they are ok. Many have found new housing which is not necessarily close to Trinity. That creates transportation problems. Others are working on getting homes and vehicles repaired. Slowly, very slowly, this is happening for most. There continues to be stories of not having insurance, not qualifying for FEMA or special monies, etc. It is heartbreaking

to know so many are falling through the cracks created by government bureaucracy. Regardless, Trinity continues to be a lighthouse in the darkness for those who need us. It is easy during these times, it is easy to see that we need them also.

While 2025 has decidedly not been a good year, for me and for many others, it has been a learning opportunity. Regardless, no cancer, no weather, no bureaucracy, nothing can sway us from the Love of God. We function at the will and by the grace of God. This is what we do. And we do it very well.

Go in the Love of God and keep the service to the people of God in your hearts and in your actions. Actively Love.

Love always; always Love.  
/Barbi

### **Translations**

Does anyone have knowledge of how to translate a document in English into Spanish or any of the languages of Afghanistan? The Apple or Google translators work well with those who speak Spanish yet those families from Afghanistan have no desire to use the phone to communicate. If we had the welcome statement along with the requirements to receive groceries from the Pantry translated into these languages, it would be exceedingly helpful. Please let Deacon Barbi know if you can help.

### **Needs this week at Pantry**

Facecloths for cooling  
Peanut Butter and Jelly  
Cereal – breakfast bars, cold or hot cereal



### **Food Ministry Amazon Wishlist**

Scan or click on the QR code to go to the Food Ministry's Amazon Wishlist.

**This Week's Core Value:**  
**Food - Physical and Spiritual Nourishment**



We believe in sharing Bread from the Altar and food from the pantry.  
We are a wellspring of Christ-centered spiritual and physical nourishment.



**July 27: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Grace African Christians Connection (GACC) (2022) in Saint Louis and Mtipe, their Priest.

\* In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Center of Care and Integral Development in

San Justo (Centro de Cuidado y Desarrollo Integral San Justo).

\* In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

**We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:**

Nicole Adams

Etta Taylor, mourning the death of her daughter Kate, who died on 3/15/25 in Louisville.

Barbi Click

Helen Hendry

Glenda Wiman

Thomas Kirk

Gloria Winston

Dolores Friesen

John Biggs

Steven Forsyth

Julien Worland

Joan Dunbar  
The Rev. David K. Fly  
Betsey Gardner  
Pat Way  
Ray Becvar  
Denver Wright  
Gwen Sims  
Charlene Wright  
Bruce Baldwin

**Friends and Relatives:**

Vincent, brother of Michael Fowlkes, cancer.  
John, Jeff Wunrow's uncle, multiple health problems.  
Peggy, friend of Jeff Wunrow, cancer  
Sam Kincade  
David Doyle, friend of Brian Alms, internal bleeding  
Michael, the son of Jeff and Mark's neighbors.  
Denise Huber  
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer  
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.  
Lou Adams, Al Adams' brother, degenerative disk disease, colon cancer.  
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer  
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.  
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues  
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather  
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien  
for comfort and healing  
Hope, health challenges.  
Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.  
Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law  
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness  
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.  
Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia

Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer  
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems  
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

**For Diocesan Clergy:** The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and the Rev. David K. Fly.

**For Trinity Food Ministry** and its volunteers.

**For service members** in harm's way.

**Birthdays July 27 - August 2:** Paula Coalier, Jeff Wunrow.



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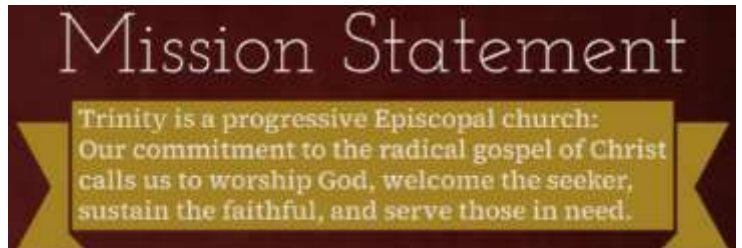
## Readings for next Sunday, August 3 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21



## Vestry

**Senior Warden:** Adrienne Fly

**2026**

Fritzi Baker  
Skip Coburn  
Dave Hilditch

**2027**

Adrienne Fly  
Ben Kiel  
Mary Patton  
Perry Trolard

**Junior Warden:** Ben Kiel

**2028**

Carlos Daughaday