

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Proper 12 | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 10:30 am • July 27, 2025

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ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

### THE PRELUDE

Chant Héroïque

George Blake

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

493. O for a thousand tongues

*Azmon*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE SONG OF PRAISE:

8:30 Glory to God

BCP 356 | CG 5

10:30 S280. Gloria

Robert Powell

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord 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.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

*After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

The 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*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Cantor sings antiphon*

*Cantor & congregation sing antiphon*

*Cantor sings verses*

*Cantor & congregation sing antiphon after verses 3, 6, 9*

*The antiphon:*

When I called you answered me;

O Lord, your love endures for ever.

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;
3. For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things. (*antiphon*)
4. When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
5. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
6. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord. (*antiphon*)
7. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
8. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
9. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands. (*antiphon*)

As 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* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

LEVAS 178. Sweet hour of prayer

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -

(See music on next page)

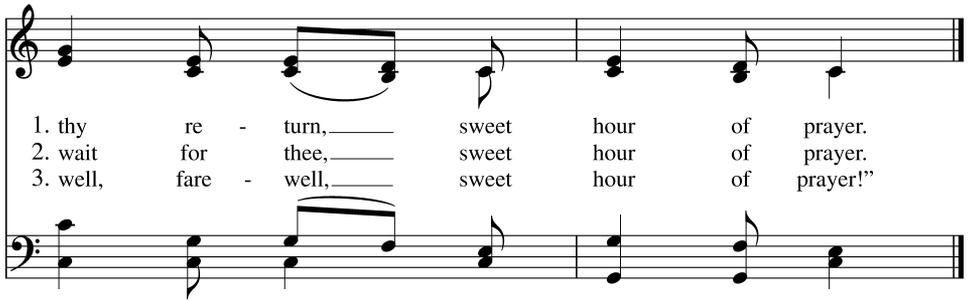
1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make  
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -  
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I

1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me -  
 3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll

1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.  
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -

*(See music on next page)*



1. thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
 2. wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
 3. well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!"

Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11: 1-13

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

As 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!"

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

**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

In this season of Pentecost we give thanks for the peace from above, the blessing of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit that continues to enliven our hearts and shape our lives. We pray this morning remembering Christ's own words, Peace I leave with you, My own peace I give to you.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For our Presiding Bishop Sean, Our Bishops Sam and Jennifer, Our Clergy Grey, George, and Ryan and for all the clergy and people. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For the welfare of the Holy Church of God, For believers around the world and for the unity of all peoples. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For the peace of the world, for an end to violence and conflict, and for the care of God's creation. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For our Mayor Janet, our Governor Josh and our President Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For peace in our hearts, in our minds and in our souls, for the welfare of all of God's people and our reunification with each other and with you. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

For those on our parish prayer list, especially Alice, Betty, Betty, Bill, Carl, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Lori, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Morgan, Nancy, Peggy, Pete, Remmy, Sally, Sherry, and Steve.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Bill, Bob, Caline, Danielle, Evonne, Fitzroy, Gemma, Geralyn, Gregory, James, Jeanette, Jenny, Jim, John, John, Judy, Kate, Keili, Lori, Michael, Nathan, Randy, Renee, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Sherie, Steffen, Stephanie, Steve, Terry, and Tim.

For all who have died, especially Gary Hurst, Jim Bender, Fran Dotson, and Jack Agayoff in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed.

For all those expecting a child, especially Juliana and Jonathan and Abby and Ty. And for those recently born especially Kendrick Ames, child of Corey and Michael and grandson of Jane and Keith Heyward.

For all those preparing for marriage, especially Susan and Gregory, Noah and Isabelle, and Tom and Gwynnie. Peace I leave with you: **My own peace I give to you.**

*Celebrant:* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360 | CG 13

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 your Son 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 PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY SOLO:

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 Dietrich Buxtehude

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

711. Seek ye first *Seek Ye First*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361 | CG 17

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **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.**

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362 | CG 19  
10:30 S125 (Sanctus) Richard Proulx

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version BCP 364 | CG 23

THE FRACTION BCP 364 | CG 23

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN 1:

471. We sing the praise of him who died

*Breslau*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 2:

318. Hear, O my lord

*Nyack*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER      BCP 365 | CG 25

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant*      In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People*      **We who are many are one body,  
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN:

494. Crown him with many crowns

*Diademata*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Prince of Denmark's March

Jeremiah Clark



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

*Wardens* Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

*Members* Morghan Bosch, David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Emily Jividen, Robert Joines, Susan Kelley, Yvette Smith, Lillis Ward, Sam Wesonga

*Officers* Matt Dutton (Treasurer), Bill Sena (Assistant Treasurer)  
Morghan Bosch and Hannah Harris (Co-registrars)





## QUICK LINKS

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Rev. George Black
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen
LECTORS (8:30)	Emily Jividen, Rene Garces
(10:30)	Lloyd Childers, Kyle West, Becky Christian
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Bear Chiavacci
(10:30)	Helen Armstrong, Bernadette Correa
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Owen McKimmon
Torches (10:30)	Morgan Smith, Hannah Parker
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox
ALTAR FLOWERS	Shari Knox and sons John and Will
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Keith Heikkinen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Susan Kelley

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Josh Anderson	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
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