

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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God + Neighbor

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Pastoral Dance on "Simple Gifts"

arr. Andrew Clarke

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.

Celebrant **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (56:1,6-8)

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

People The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67 *(prayed responsively by whole verse.)*

Leader: May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

People: Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (11:1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn LEVAS 139 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

William H. Doane

People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

People

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Jacobson

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

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 and the Son, 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.

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

We lift our petitions to Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, saying “hear our prayer.”

Lord, let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. We pray for the people of all churches, that they live in the promise of your love. In our own diocese we pray especially for Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading; St. John’s Church, Saugus; Emmanuel Church, Wakefield; The Third Order, Society of St. Francis and all parish historians. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all of the blessings of this life, including the wedding here yesterday of Sanaa Batsukh and Jay Husson. Be present in their marriage and in all of our relationships, that we may reach out to others and multiply the gifts of love and mutual care. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us a holy unity with all living things. Deepen in us reverence for the earth you have made and for the systems and resources which sustain us. Guide us more and more to preserve and protect. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us hungry for your justice. Strengthen in us compassion for the victims of racism, crime, violence, deportation and wrongful conviction. Embolden those in public authority across the world to speak your truth and safeguard the dignity of all. We pray for those working for relief and repair in the wake of this week’s earthquake in Colombia. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Make us instruments of your peace. We raise up to you Russia and Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran and the nations of the Middle East; Haiti, Sudan and South Sudan and all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest. We pray for peace and a renewal of collaboration and compassion in our own nation. For an end to gun violence. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Heal the sick and mend what is broken in our own lives and in the lives of those who have asked for our prayers, including Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Joanne Gamble, Nancy Haak, Joan Kirkby, Andrew Payne, Pam Soderholm, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, Kristy, Lauren, Pat, Rachel and Sally and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Hold fast to those who have died, that they may live forever in your changeless light and love. We name before you those we love and see no longer (PAUSE). Into your hands we commend them. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Release us from all the hindrances our growth in your love and make us one through Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

A Shaker Celebration

arr. Randall Stroepe

Hallelujah, hallelujah, come rejoice!

Join in dancing, join in singing!

Beat the drum loudly and join in song.

Celebrate this day, come without delay.

Ring the bells, proclaim the news.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, come rejoice!

Join in dancing, join in singing!

Beat the drum loudly and join in song.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

The Offertory Hymn 321, My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the soprano line, with a tenor line below it. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I

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 our thanks and praise.**

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 WLP 857

African arr. Pulkingham

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

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, harmed 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.

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 in 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

WLP 878 Whoever comes to me

Carl Haywood



The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home.

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 469 There's a wideness in God's mercy

St. Helena

Hymn 51 We the Lord's people

Decatur Place

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion*Enriching Our Worship*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we 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, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Closing Hymn 371 Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Variation on "Praise, My Soul"

arr. Robert Hobby

Our Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the wedding here yesterday of Sanaa Batsukh and Jay Husson.
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<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Patrick C. Ward
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Stephen Jacobson
<i>Music Director</i>	Joan Kirchner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Cynthia Murray, Brian Ridgeway
<i>Readers</i>	Peter Jensen, Earle Bailey, Rich Gregory
<i>Ushers</i>	Sue and Jack Sasso
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Binney-Sterne
<i>Altar Flower Guild</i>	Roger Lovejoy
<i>Audio/Video</i>	Nancy Boccia

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