

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Canon in G

attributed to J. Pachelbel

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

The Opening Hymn 303 Peace in our time O Lord

Diadamata

Peace in our time, O Lord, to all the peoples—peace!
Peace surely based upon thy will and built in righteousness.
Thy power alone can break the fetters that enchain
The sorely stricken soul of life, and make it live again.

Too long mistrust and fear have held our souls in thrall;
Sweep through the earth, keen Breath of Heaven,
And sound a nobler call! Come, as thou didst of old,
In love so great that we shall cast aside all other gods
And turn again to thee.

O shall we never learn the truth all time has taught,
That without God as architect our building comes to naught?
Lord, help us, and inspire our hearts and lives that we
May build, with all thy wondrous gifts, a Kingdom meet for thee.

Peace in our time, O Lord, to all the peoples—peace!
Peace that shall build a glad new world, and make for life's increase.
O, living Christ, who still dost all our burdens share,
Come now and dwell within the hearts of people everywhere.

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.
And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (20:7-13)

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

Psalm 69: 8-11,18-20 (*prayed antiphonally by half verse, alternating between East and West sides of the Nave.*)

EAST: Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
 and shame has covered my face.

WEST: I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
 an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting, *
 but that was turned to my reproach.

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
 in your great compassion, turn to me.'

Hide not your face from your servant; *
 be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me; *
 because of my enemies deliver me.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (6:1b-11)

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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

The Sequence Hymn 591 O God of earth and altar

King's Lynn

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

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 “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For the people of all churches, that they build communities of love which flow from the community of God. We pray especially for St. Andrew’s Church, Methuen; St. Paul’s Church, Newburyport; St. Paul’s Church, North Andover; the Merrimack Valley Project and all Deacons.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this land upon which we live and move and have our being. For ponds and pools and rivers and oceans. For all who have lived here before us and all who will live here after us. Guide us more and more to remember, reverence and safeguard all you have made.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of justice and compassion for those in need. For those who are ill. For the victims of prejudice, crime, violence, deportation and wrongful conviction. That all may live in your freedom and that the saving truth of your gospel be shared without distortion or manipulation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples may live in harmony. 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 compassion in our own nation. For an end to gun violence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those in our community who have asked for our prayers, including Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Joanne Gamble, Joan Kirkby, Andrew Payne, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, Lauren, Pat and Rachel and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died may share in your unending glory. We name before you those we love and see no longer (PAUSE). Into your hands we commend them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collects

Loving God, on this day we pray for all fathers. For fathers who have been wise and kind, we thank you; may they know your delight in their faithfulness. For those who struggle to be good fathers, we ask your Spirit; may they draw upon your love to be good fathers. For those who have failed as fathers, we ask your grace; may the children they have hurt be healed. We pray for all who are fathers, that they may love their children with gentle strength, faithful presence, and calm, patient wisdom. May all fathers imitate your love, by which you have made us one family, each of us cherished, fed, and protected. We pray in the spirit of Christ, our brother. **Amen.**

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Release us from all that hinders 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

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

We are Travelers on a Journey

Beach Spring, arr. C. Courtney

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

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

The Offertory Hymn 686, Come thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

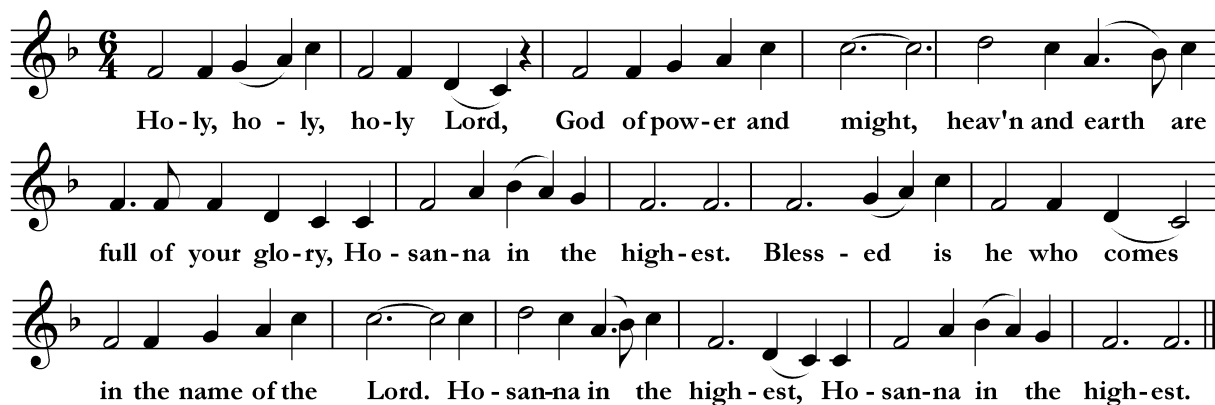
The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Christ. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus WLP 858

Land of Rest



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

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, *“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **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.

This is the Body of Christ

John Bell

This is the bo-dy of Christ bro-ken that we may be whole; this cup, as
pro-mised by God, true to his word, cra-dles our Lord: food for the
good of the soul.

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 178 Jesus is the Lord of all the earth

Alleluia No. 1

LEVAS 136 I have decided to follow Jesus

arr. Norman Johnson

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

From the Church in Ireland

Let us pray.

Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. 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

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.
Be kind to yourself and to one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High.
Be alert and receptive, for sometimes God is but a whisper.
And the blessing of God Almighty be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 530 Spread, oh spread thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

Music Director

Joan Kirchner

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Cynthia Murray, Dianne Fromm

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Diana Crighton, Pia MacKenzie, Chris Crighton

Ushers

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Altar Guild

Gail Binney-Sterne

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