

# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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

Prelude on *Nettleton*  
Prelude on *Foundation*

Charles Callahan  
Michael Simpson

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

### The Opening Hymn 440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

*Liebster Jesu*

*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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ 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 (55:10-13)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**Psalm 65:1-8** (*prayed antiphonally by whole verse, alternating between East and West sides of the Nave.*)

**EAST: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

**WEST: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.**

**Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.**

Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.

**Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.**

You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

**You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

**A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:1-11)**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*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 589 Almighty God, your word is cast**

*Walden*

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

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*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 we may have ears to listen to your Word as well as to all who seek you. We pray especially for Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River; St. Luke’s Church, Fall River; St. Gabriel’s Church, Marion; St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoissett; and Clergy spouses and families.  
**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, Nancy Haak, 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 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**

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

### **The Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*Awake, My Heart*

Jane Marshall

text: Paul Gerhardt, tr. Winfred Douglas

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure Defender, thy Maker, thy Preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture given to bring me on toward heaven.

*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.**

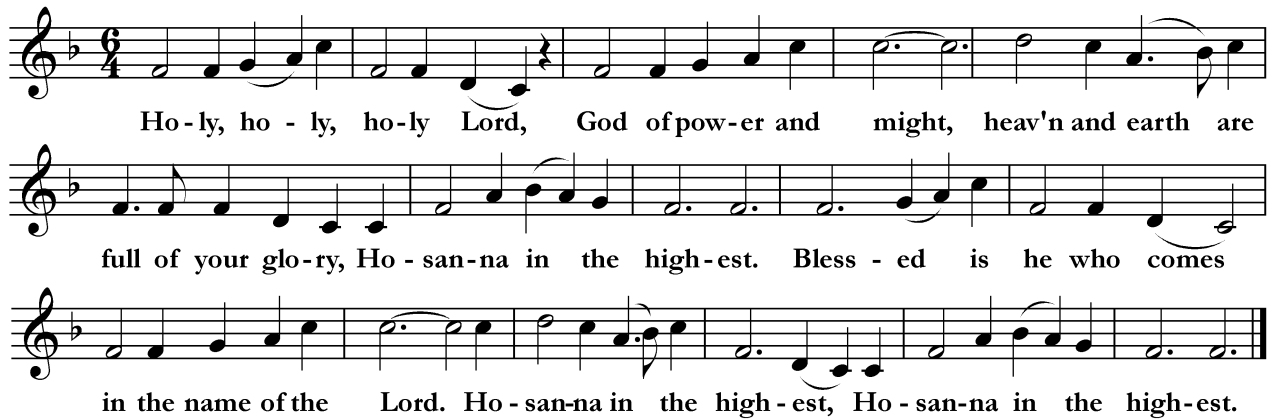
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*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:



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.

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 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace**

*Dickinson College*

**Hymn LEVAS 115 Spirit of the Living God**

Daniel Iverson

*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 302 Father, we thank thee who has planted thy holy Name

*Rendez a Dieu*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Postlude

### Postlude on *Shout On*

Dale Wood

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <i>Celebrant</i>             | The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner                     |
| <i>Preacher</i>              | The Rev. Patrick C. Ward                     |
| <i>Organist</i>              | Michael Simpson                              |
| <i>Eucharistic Ministers</i> | Jack Sasso, Brian Ridgeway                   |
| <i>Readers</i>               | Brian Ridgeway, Carol Baffi-Dugan, Sue Sasso |
| <i>Ushers</i>                | Michael Isner, Rich Gregory                  |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>           | Barbara Wahlquist                            |
| <i>Altar Flower Guild</i>    | Roger Lovejoy                                |
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\*The hymn tune *Nettleton* was first printed in John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second* in Philadelphia in 1830. Wyeth (1770 – 1858) was a newspaper and book publisher. Charles Callahan (1951 – 2023) was an American organist, church musician and composer. He was a native of Massachusetts. The tune *Foundation* was first published in Joseph Funk's *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music* in 1832. Funk (1778 – 1862) was a pioneer music teacher, publisher, and composer in Virginia. This prelude was composed for the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. Jane Marshall (1924 – 2019) was a pianist, organist, and composer living in Texas. She was for many years on the faculty at the Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas. Paul Gerhardt (1607 – 1676) was a German theologian and Lutheran minister. Winfred Douglas (1867 – 1944) was an American episcopal priest and the editor of the *Hymnal 1940*. The tune *Shout On* is attributed to Francis C. Wood (1824 - 1872), a blacksmith, farmer, and musician in Alabama. Dale Wood (1934 – 2003) was an organist, composer, and music editor in California.

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