

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.*
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn “O Christ, the Word Incarnate” Hymnal 632

The Postcommunion Prayer *[Kneel as able.]* BCP 365-6

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Blessing

Hymn “Glorious things of thee are spoken” Hymnal 522

The Dismissal BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Voluntary

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.



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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A
July 11, 4:00 p.m. & July 12, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Opening Voluntary

[standing]

Processional Hymn “O day of radiant gladness” Hymnal 48

Opening Salutation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis *[Sung at 10:30 a.m., Music in the pews.]*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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 for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]
The First Lesson 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.

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

The Psalm 65:9-14 Te decet hymnus [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Mass only.]



9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; |
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

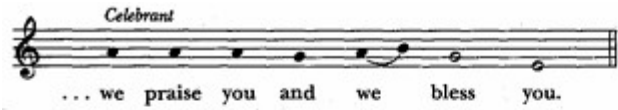
[Kneel as able]
Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord....

....and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Memorial Acclamation

Hymnal S139



Celebrant and
People

We praise you, we
bless you,



we give thanks to
you,



and we pray to you,
Lord our God.

Celebrant continues.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy....

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew]

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have mercy on us.

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.”

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

The Sermon <i>[seated]</i>	Dr. Victor Matthews
The Nicene Creed <i>[Stand as able.]</i>	Prayer Book 358
The Prayers of the People (Form VI) <i>[Kneel as able.]</i>	Prayer Book 392
<i>The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.</i>	
The Confession and Absolution	Prayer Book 360
The Peace	
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. <i>People: And also with you.</i>	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Offertory Voluntary	
Hymn:	“Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove” Hymnal 510
The Great Thanksgiving	
The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer D)	Prayer Book 372
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. <i>People: And also with you.</i>	
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. <i>People: We lift them to the Lord.</i>	
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <i>People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>	

[Kneel as able.]
Celebrant
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.
Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy *[Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle 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.

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

The Sequence Hymn “Blessed Jesus, at thy word” Hymnal 440

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
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