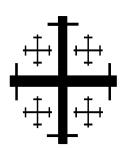
Pentecost VII

27 July 2025

8 & 11 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Prelude You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (Pescado de hombres) Cesàreo Gabarain & Here in this Place (Gather Us In) Marty Haugen, both arr. Jonathan Kohrs [1979,1982]

Christy Gibson, Flute, Karen Moxley, Violin

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the

■ Son, and of the Holy Р Spirit.

C Amen

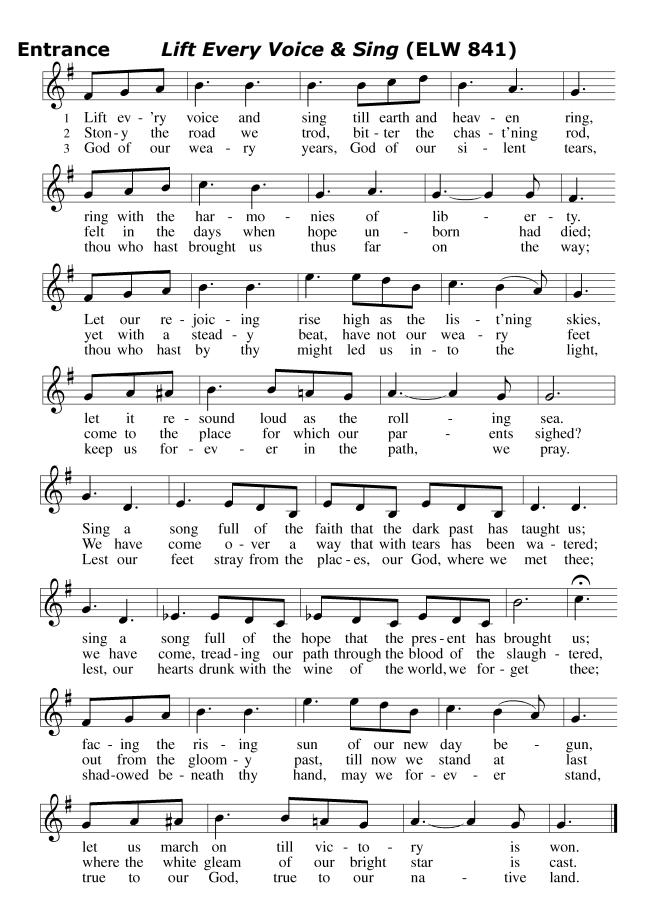
Р Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Р If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.



Text: James Weldon Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE, J. Rosamund Johnson, 1873–1954

Apostolic Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ★ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

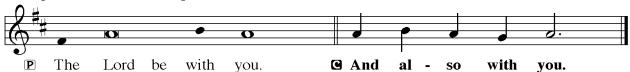
Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of The Day



P Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ 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? ²⁵ 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?" ²⁶ And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ 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." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh, do not let my 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."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138



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- 1. I shall thank you, God of my heart, you have heard my troubled word. While angels watch, your name I praise; I dance before your holy place. For your love and your faithfulness, I thank your name, your promise surpasses your fame. I called for your help all night and day long: you heard me, and made me strong. **Refrain**
- 2. Your strong hand shall come to my aid: you shall be all good to me. Forever will your love abide. Do not cast your child aside. From on high, from the heavens the poor you see, you drive the proud to their knees. Though I live in the midst of trouble and woe, you save me, and foil my foe. **Refrain**

Second Reading Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² 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. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God

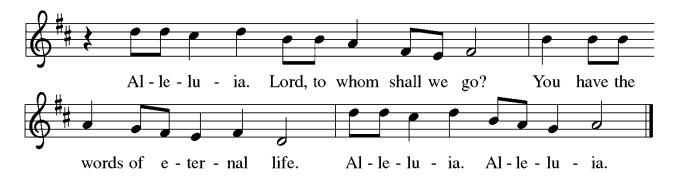
made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

Alleluia Verse & Gospel Acclamations



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter



¹[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." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

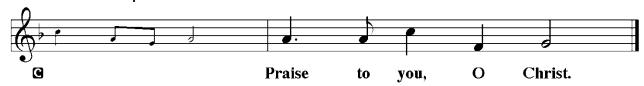
³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ 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, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ 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.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ 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!"

P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon Intern Rebecca

Hymn of The Day *The Church of Christ in Every Age* (ELW 729)



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000 Music: William Knapp, 1698–1768 Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Company WAREHAM LM

Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

- A Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

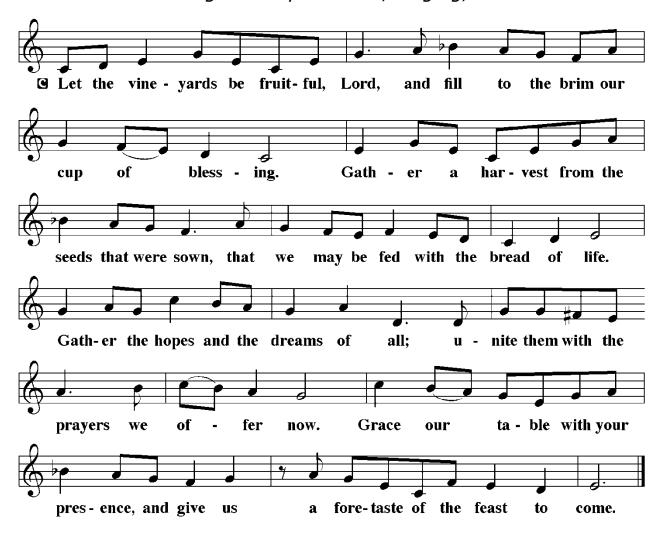
C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory Wonderful Merciful Savior Dawn Rogers, Eric Wyss arr. Joel Mott, Andrea Handley (1989) Christy Gibson & Karen Moxley

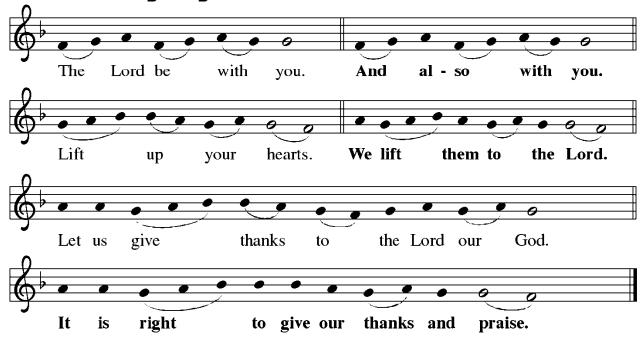


Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, holy God, mighty and immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The day of your final Jubilee dawned in your Son, Jesus, your Anointed One who announced good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free.

And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]





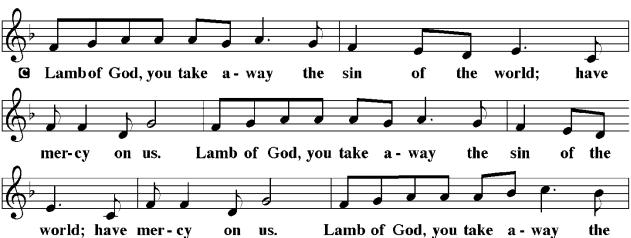
Eucharistic Prayer





- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- All 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, forever and ever. Amen.
- P The body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]







HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide you.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

It is Well with My Soul, Pete Moxley, Bass
Tune, Philip P. Bliss (1836Lyrics, Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)
Arr. Randa Kirshbaum, c. 2008

The following song may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA 8 7 8 7 D, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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Day by Day (ELW 790)

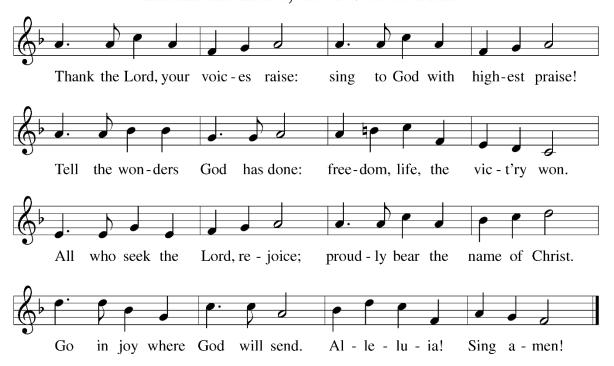


P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord, Your Voices Raise



Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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A Let us pray... Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Recessional Sent Forth By God (ELW 547)



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2 alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice Setting by Jacob B. Weber

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians Monday, July 28, 2025

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.