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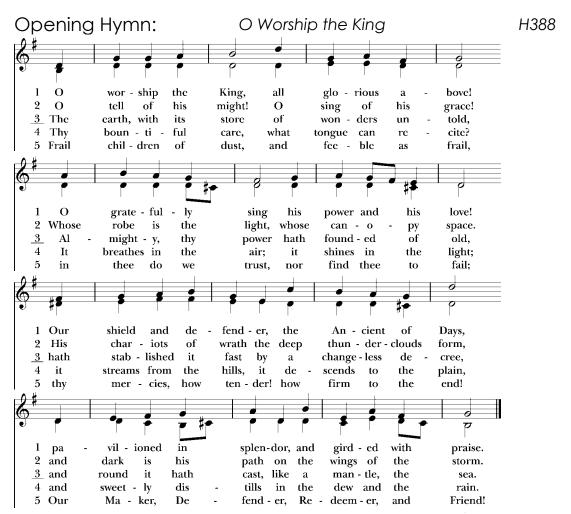
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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Let us prepare for worship by quieting ourselves and turning our focus to God.



Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

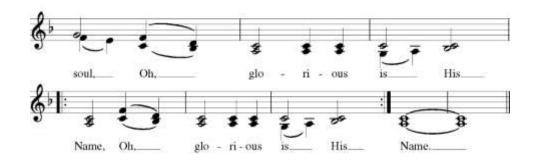
Opening Acclamation:

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The L^{ORD} said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The L^{ORD} said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the L^{ORD} his God, and said, "O L^{ORD}, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the

Egyptians say, `It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, `I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

The Psalm 51:1-11

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

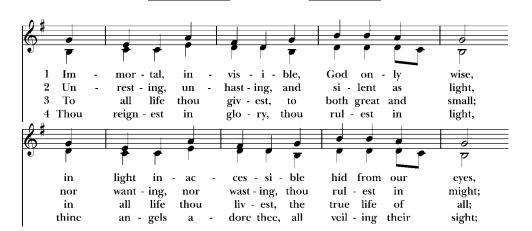
The Second Reading

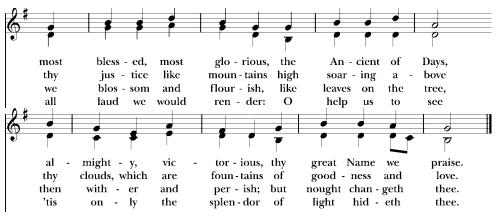
Reader: A Reading from 1st Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sequence Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise H423 Before Gospel: Verse 1-2 After Gospel: Verse 3-4





Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People

Our Holy Scriptures tell us of the sojourns of the people of God – of slavery and persecution, of wandering in the wilderness, of exile and loss.

Today, as we pray for the Church and for the world, we remember our own sacred stories and how they call us to live in God's world, to bring forth God's dream of shalom. With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to our God, saying, "Lord, hear us."

Sovereign God, may we who are the Body of Christ, the Church, embrace and welcome those who seek shelter and safety, in a world where they have not found either.

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

God of protection, whose Son fled violence from his own home with Joseph and Mary and sought refuge in a foreign land, hear the cries of all who suffer because of war, violence, intolerance, and famine. Help us to peacefully mend our divisions, that all you have created in this world may be whole.

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

God who makes us One, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world, that those who govern and have authority may consider each life to be of value and may serve the people of their nation with equity and fairness, dedicating themselves to peaceful resolution of conflict.

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

Gracious God, we pray for our newest neighbors, that those families who have sought new life in this country may find not only shelter and sustenance, but also a loving and supportive community in which to create a new beginning with dignity.

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

Loving God, there is no one that goes unnoticed in your eyes. Take into yourself all who suffer. May Christ the Wounded Healer relieve the pain of hunger, comfort those who are not seen, heal the afflicted body, soothe the fears of the mind, bring peace to the soul, and be tender with the broken hearted, that they may find themselves restored in Christ. At this time we pray for—Jack C.; Debbie; Monique; Beth H.; Donna B.; Michelle W.; Margaret M. & Family; Debby M.; Susan B.; Nancy, Paige, Claire S.; Rick M; Sherrian B.; Bryan & Terrena H.; Andrew P.; David P.; Casey; Cayson and Kamden; Ann M.; Mike C.; The Stewart-Nuttle Family; Violet; Roger B.; Shelly; Briton; farmers struggling to harvest their crops and for their workers who have disappeared; immigrants and those in danger; people impacted by war; Pastor Marlene Fuller & the congregation of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Pastor Ryan & the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

Eternal God, may you receive those who have died during times into your loving and peaceful arms and may they find rest for their souls. Comfort those who mourn the loss of their friends and loved ones and give them relief from the painful memories they bear, giving assurance of eternal life.

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Source of All Being, for hearing our prayers. We thank you that love swallows fear, that in your compassion we learn to walk with those who suffer, that when we give of ourselves, we receive far more, and that when we receive those who stand knocking at our doors, we receive Christ the Beloved One. May all praise, glory and honor be to our God, the Most High. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Peace of God be always with you

People: And also with you.

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All things come of thee oh God Celebrant:

People: and of thine own have we given thee.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People:

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give God thanks and praise. The Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

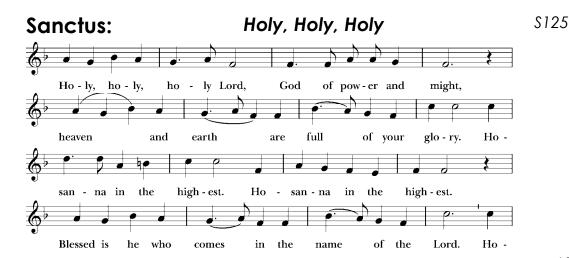
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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Then the Celebrant continues

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Rebeccah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

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.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Fraction Anthem



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

*For those worshipping online, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is below the Communion Music.

*The people attending in-person may be seated.



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Words: Psalm 102. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those worshipping online, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion is offered below. As the Communion Hymns are sung, we invite you to say the words of this prayer either aloud or silently. Through the words of this prayer, "all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth..." (BCP p. 457).

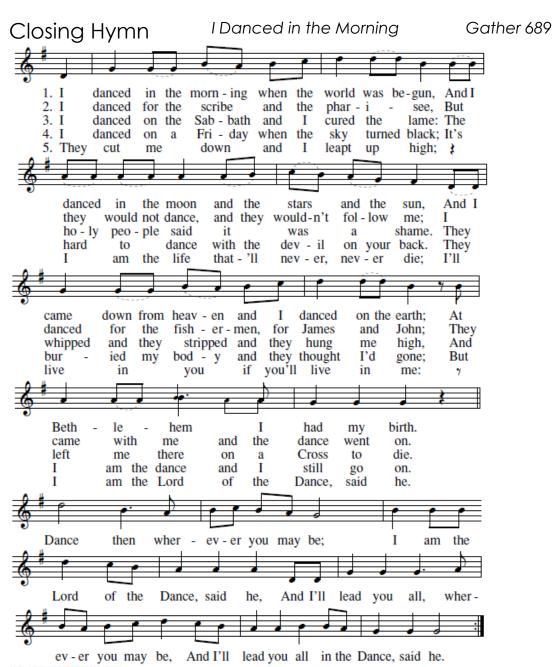
Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of life. Though we do not consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing



Text: Sydney Carter, b.1915

Tune: LORD OF THE DANCE, Irregular, adapt. from a traditional Shaker metody by Sydney Carter, b.1915

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve God.

All: Thanks be to God.

We are now sent forth to share God's love and light with the world.

Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.



Together We Respond to God, Love One Another, and Serve in Faith

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

Jack C.; Debbie; Monique; Beth H.; Donna B.; Michelle W.; Margaret M. & Family; Debby M.; Susan B.; Nancy, Paige, Claire S.; Rick M; Sherrian B.; Bryan & Terrena H.; Andrew P.; David P.; Casey; Cayson and Kamden; Ann M.; Mike C.; The Stewart-Nuttle Family; Violet; Roger B.; Shelly; Briton; farmers struggling to harvest their crops and for their workers who have disappeared; immigrants and those in danger; people impacted by war; Pastor Marlene Fuller & the congregation of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Pastor Ryan & the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church

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