

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 9am



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Opening Hymn #440 “Blessed Jesus at Thy Word”

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant

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 Gloria

Repeated three times.

Gloria **Taizé 16 Gloria 3**

Canon—4 voices

Gloria 3 / Glory to God

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God. glo - ry in the high - est!

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994. © 1978, 1980, 1981, Les Presses de Taizé. GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People 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 for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

*We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the verses in **bold**.*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

**106 I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.**

107 I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

**108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.**

109 My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end.**

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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 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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Robert Steele

The Nicene Creed

Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

Parish Prayer List:

Agenhart , Wayne , Heather, John, Todd, Tom, Kate, Michael, Peggy, Lucille, Lance, Ann, Cynthia, Joyce, Sandee, Doris, Sheri, Raj & Renu, Eric & Kathy, Dieter, Philip, Katharine, Arthur, Juditha, and Brown.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

‘O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me `oukou.

(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)

The People respond.

A me `oe pū nō ho`i.

(And also with you!)



Yours, O God, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O God, and you are exalted as head above all. (I Chronicles 29:11)

Offertory Hymn #302 “Father, We Thank Thee”

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

The people remain standing.

S-125 The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

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

The Breaking of Bread

You may receive the sacrament in one (bread) or both (bread and wine) kinds. Please come forward to receive the bread first. Then turn toward the Eucharistic Minister if you wish to receive wine from the chalice. (Please take a sip, but do not “intinct” or “dip.”). Receiving the bread only is considered a full communion in our church. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you approach.

S-154 Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Music

Offered by Lorraine Yamamoto, organist

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

The Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn #505 “O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude “Trumpet Rondeau in D Major” (David Lasky)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

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Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today’s Service

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele

*Our beautiful altar flowers are an offering from Ann McCrary,  
in loving memory of her husband, Chuck McCrary.*

Reader: Beverly Toomey

Eucharistic Minister: Rick Fung Intercessor: Kathy Otani

Usher: Ed Stikeleather Altar Guild: Livingston Team

Technical team: Alex Picken and Thomas Campello

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Please join us *next* Sunday for the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday July 23rd at 9am  
(in person & on Zoom).