

Pentecost 3
July 5-6, 2025

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND **PASSING OF PEACE**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

“Lead Me, Lord”

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. God, our rock and refuge,

C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus"

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner;
it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.**

- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
the trumpet call obey;
stand forth in mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.**

- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor;
each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.**

GREETING

P From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

C O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy; have mercy. O Lord
(D)**

The lesson begins:

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. **P The Word of the Lord.**

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-luia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al-le-luia. You have_ the words of_ eternal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-luia.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"¹ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

(D)
SERMON

ANTHEM

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APOSTLE'S CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

(D)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace and strengthen our faith by the example of Jan Hus and all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty that surrounds us. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to all those who lead our country that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. Bless all the innocent victims of war, especially the children in the Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. (*We lift up the family of XXXX who has entered the church triumphant. May the powerful message of the resurrection comfort his/her/or name and friends and sustain them in their grief*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and grant healing and hope to all who struggle. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

A Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Grant us, generous hearts, and open hands, that we may bear good fruit, and be channels of your grace by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we work side by side to make your kingdom come, open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you, and send your peace to rest upon us. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer**

- A** You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for walking with us on our life's journey. Draw us at last to life forever in you. Lord, in your mercy
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Graciously hear and generously answer our prayers and petitions, dear Father, as may be best for us and to your greater glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY "Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And_ fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams_ of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy, ho - ly, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n 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, hosanna in the highest.

**P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P As a community, let us say the Lord's Prayer.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

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THE BLESSING

P Loving 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.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"

**1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner;
it must not suffer loss.**

**From vict'ry unto vict'ry
his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor;
each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.**

DISMISSAL

P Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,

**C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God. POSTLUDE**