



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**

*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 27, 2025 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** Hymn Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*All stand to sing the*

**Opening Hymn #410** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's 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.**

**The Gloria S-280**

*Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns*

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.

**The Collect of the Day**

*insert*

*Presider* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

## The First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

insert

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

### Psalm 138      *Confitebor tibi*      Tone V.1



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands. [Ant.]

## The Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19

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

**Sequence Hymn #709** *O God of Bethel, by whose hand*  
*Verses 1 - 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.*  
*Verses 4 and 5 will be sung after the reading.*

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**The Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

*insert*

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

*Presider*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Isabel Geller

**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**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Lyn, Megan, Judy, Markus, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin and John;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*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 Priest 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**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

### **Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries**

Vestry

### **Offertory Hymn #587 Our Father, by whose name**

RHOSYMEDRE



*During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.*

*Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues, concluding with:*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **The Sanctus Hymnal S-125**

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.

*The Presider continues to give thanks, and invites all to join in*

## **The Memorial Acclamation**

*Presider* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues praying, concluding with*

*Presider* All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

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

**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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #488** *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

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## **The Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Straf mich nicht*

E.F. Richter (1808-1879)

### **Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Isabel Geller, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Shannon Fry, Vestry Person of the Day

Augusta Fry and Shannon Fry, Readers

Kate Gunsch, Intercessor

Nate Gunsch, Chalice

Elizabeth Hay, Usher

D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild

Maureen Lavelly and Catherine Womack, Refreshment Hosts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, we welcome the Rev. Isabel Geller** to lead worship while Greg's vacation continues. Isabel received her MDiv from the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She serves our Diocese as a supply priest following years as Priest Associate at the Church of St. Luke in the Fields in Greenwich Village, NYC, and as Chaplain at St. Luke's School there. She will be with us again next Sunday. Greg returns Sunday, August 10.

**Lawn care volunteers are needed for August.** A paper version of the electronic sign-up is available during refreshment time following the service. There is a link to the sign-up in *News and Notes*. \*\*Please note\*\* ... all slots on the sign-up sheet say "Sunday," but that is simply to indicate the week the work is needed. You are signing up to come on the day of your choice during the week that begins with the noted Sunday.

**Through August, the nursery will be open each Sunday.** Children's formation classes are on summer break and will resume in September. Services continue at 10am each week and parishioners of all ages are welcome! Summer church is AWESOME – no fighting for a seat – lemonade served every Sunday – fresh air flowing through the sanctuary – all your favorite hymns – every Sunday is "casual Friday," – new voices preaching ... plus a chance to give God thanks for the season!

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Mr. Matt Hast and Mr. Simon Ringrose, Wardens