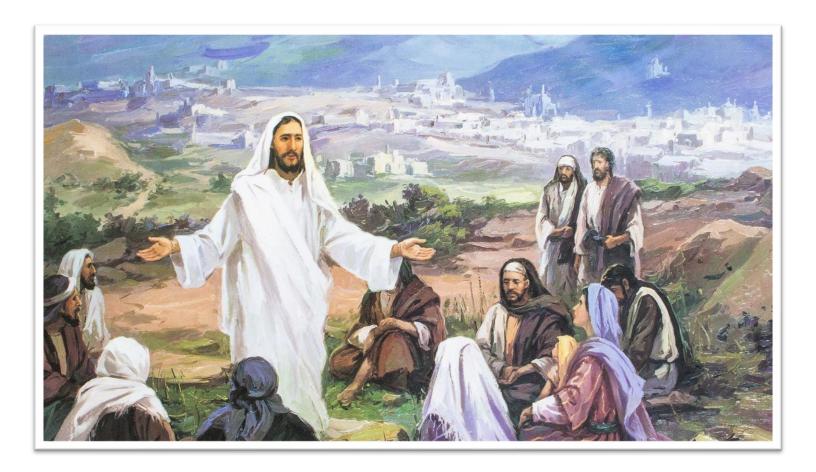


The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

27 July 2025, 10:30 am



Voluntary Adagio (Sonata I)

Felix Mendelssohn

THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand as you are able when the procession enters the nave.



Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Hymn of Praise Praise the Lord! O heavens

Franz Joseph Haydn



Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

- The *liturgy* is God's community gathered to actively share the Word and the Eucharist. The Old Testament is a collection of the canonical books of the Hebrew Bible that are authoritative for both Christian and Jews. -

The First Lesson Genesis 18:20-32 (NRSV)

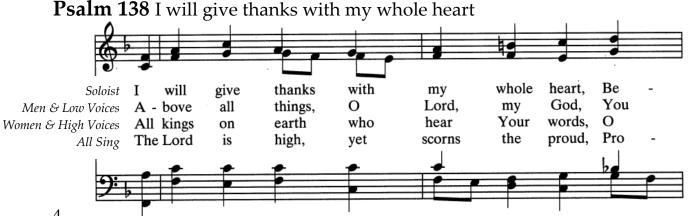
A reading from the Book of Genesis.

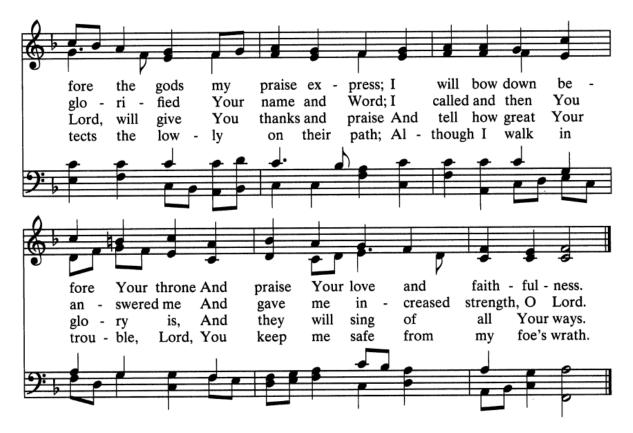
The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





All sing Lord, Your right hand shall save my life And make Your purpose for me sure;
Do not forsake what You have made;
Your love forever will endure.

The Epistle Colossians 2:6-19 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 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. 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, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He

disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

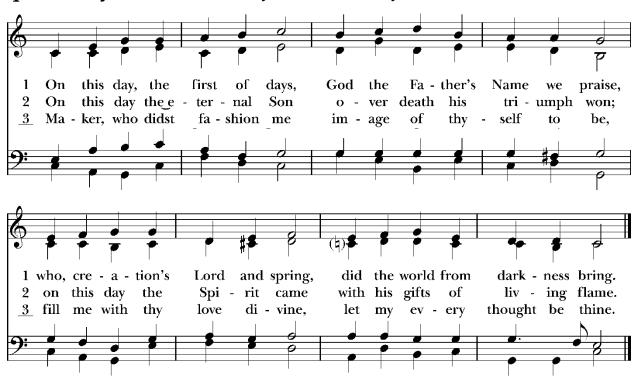
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and join in the singing of the hymn.

Sequence Hymn 47 On this day, the first of days

GOTT SEI DANK



Gospel Luke 11:1-13 (NRSV)

Gospeler: ★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Sermon

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

-The Sermon or Homily helps us apply the words of the early prophets and Christ in our lives.-

A period of silent reflection follows the homily.

Gretchen Hughes

Postulant

The Nicene Creed All stand and say together.

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 of 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 worshipped 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.

Intercessory Prayers

Leader: God of mercy whose care and compassion for us is beyond

imagining, hear us as you heard Abraham, and answer our prayers as may be best for us. Join me in praying, "Lord in your mercy," and

replying, "You hear our prayer."

Refresh your Church, O God. Forgive us our trespasses, erase our

shortcomings and sins, and save us from the time of trial.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide your church that it might be a bold and fearless champion of

the dignity of all people and a place of welcome and respite for the

weary, the oppressed, and the marginalized.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the eyes and hearts of all in authority. Grant them wisdom and

compassion in the exercise of their responsibilities that they might

always pursue the path of the greatest good.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to see the good in our neighbors that we might be forceful

advocates for human thriving in all the places we call home.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Remind us of our call to be the caretakers of creation and embolden

us to demand urgent action to ensure environmental sustainability.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring your healing presence into the lives of all who suffer from any

distress or sickness. We pray especially for Celeste, Dan, Gillen,

Leith, Lucy, Marianne, Patti, and Robin, and for those we now name,

silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Leader: Hold the dead in your loving care and grant us also to enter into your

eternal love on the day of our death. We pray especially for those who loved Martha, and for those we now name, silently or aloud.

You may add additional prayer requests at this time.

Lord in your mercy,

People: You hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People

In Our Prayers: Caroline Anderfaas, Betsy Bailey, Robert Cherpes, Carol Collacott, Diane Coy, Ginger Leachman, Les Lewis, Esther Manguramas, Steve Martin, Ann Ortt, Barbara Pape, George Ranney, Claire Ross, Marianne Sparks, John Walton, Tom Wesley, and Betty Wilcox

The Confession

Presider says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The Presider and People then say together:

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 Presider 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.**

Passing of the Peace

- The Peace is an extension of Christian greeting and teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves. It symbolizes our intent to forgive as we are forgiven, to live in peace with all people. We greet one another in the name of the Lord. –

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements & Blessings

Quarterly Statements

Quarterly Statements were emailed on Monday, July 14th. If you did not receive a copy of your statement, or would like something corrected, please contact our Bookkeeper, Martha, at finance@stwilfridschurch.org.

Church at "The Chapel"

Our upcoming fundraiser dinner, Church at "The Chapel," is more than just a way to support St. Wilfrid's—it's a chance to come together as a community and enjoy a meaningful evening with one another. Tickets are \$80, and we know that may not work for everyone right now. Thanks to some behind-the-scenes generosity, a few extra tickets are available, no questions asked.

If you'd like to join us and cost is a concern, just check in with Fr. Nathan, Laurie in the office, or Sharan at the SCRIP table. As always, there is a seat at the table for everyone who wants to be there.

Stay Scam-Safe

Scammers are getting more sophisticated, and churches are increasingly being used as part of their tactics. Please be cautious of any unexpected messages, especially those asking for money, gift cards, or urgent help. Remember, all donation requests from St. Wilfrid's will come through our official channels including the Sunday Times, the weekly Constant Contact email, or inserts in the Sunday bulletin. When asking for gift card donations, we will always ask that you go through our SCRIP program, and will be connected to a specific effort, such as our current back-to-school drive with Robyne's Nest or disaster relief efforts. If something feels off, don't respond. Just call the church office directly. It's always okay to double check.

Transfiguration Service

Join us for Evening Prayer Service on Wednesday, August 6th, at 7pm, as we remember the mountaintop moment when Jesus was revealed in glory. Let his light renew our spirits.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

- A Sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himself. For Anglicans there are two great Sacraments: Eucharist and Baptism. The *Sursum Corda* (Lift up your hearts) is an invitation for the people joining in the Eucharistic offering, to raise minds and hearts to "things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." -

Offertory Sentence

– As a continuation of thousands of years of spiritual practice, talent, treasures, and oblations are offered before the altar in our response to God's care and nurture. –

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Offertory Solo The Lord's Prayer

Text: Luke 11:2-4

Music: Alfred Hay Malotte

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Presentation Hymn.



The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The *Sanctus* echoes the words of the high angels, in the prophet Isaiah's vision of the dwelling place of God (Isaiah 6:1-3).
 The Benedictus also comes directly from Scripture as the acclamation that disciples uttered as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

All sing together.

Sanctus & Benedictus

LAND OF REST



The people may continue standing, or they may kneel as they are able.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

— The *epiclesis* is the point at which the church, through the voice of the Presider, asks God to make holy, 'sanctify', 'send', 'pour', 'breathe', both the gift of bread and wine and the people who stand around the altar in worship. —

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the ♣ Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Wilfrid and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.



The Lord's Prayer

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 fraction (breaking) of the bread is a crucial link between what has come before and what comes after it. Christ has offered his life for us, and the breaking of the bread makes it possible for all to share in that life. —

A period of silence is kept. The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

—We eat and drink the sacramental foods. Through the inward and spiritual grace of this sacramental action we are reconstituted as Christ's body, infused with Christ's life, and empowered to be Christ's presence in the world. ─

Invitation To Communion

Presider: We gather around the table of God. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, the Church welcomes you and Christ invites you to be known, fed and loved here.

These are the Gifts of God, for you the People of God.

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and who seek to live in peace with one another. As directed by an usher, please come forward to the Communion rail, kneel, and cup your hands to receive the bread. Those who choose not to receive, but would prefer a blessing, may indicate their desire by folding their arms across their chest. **Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.** Upon receipt of the bread you may cross yourself and take a few moments for prayers. Following the bread, you will have an opportunity to take the wine. You may receive the wine in one of three ways: sipping the wine via the common cup (to limit the spread of illness, the inside of our chalice has a high white gold content, and we use a high alcohol proof wine), through Intinction (if you would like to have your piece of bread {wafer} dipped into the wine, please leave the wafer in your hand and a member of the Altar Party will dip the bread into the wine for you and place the dipped wafer back into your hand), or by drinking from the small plastic chalices.

Healing Prayer Ministers Let us pray with you

During Communion, Healing Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you and anoint with holy oil blessed by the Bishop. You'll find them at the front of the sanctuary, at both the north and south sides of the altar. If you would like additional time with a Prayer Minister, simply let them know, and they will meet with you in the Chapel after the service or at a time that is convenient for you. Your prayers are, of course, confidential.

Communion Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless ST. AGNES



Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able. After Communion, the Presider invites everyone to prayer.

Presider: Let us pray together:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you now and always. **Amen.**



Dismissal

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

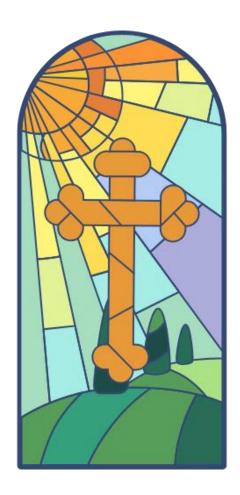
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary Rigaudon

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THE REV. NATHAN BIORNSTAD, RECTOR
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MICHAEL SEARING, CANTOR



By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's Word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for Communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that, if you feel touched by the Word and Sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact Fr. Nathan to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

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