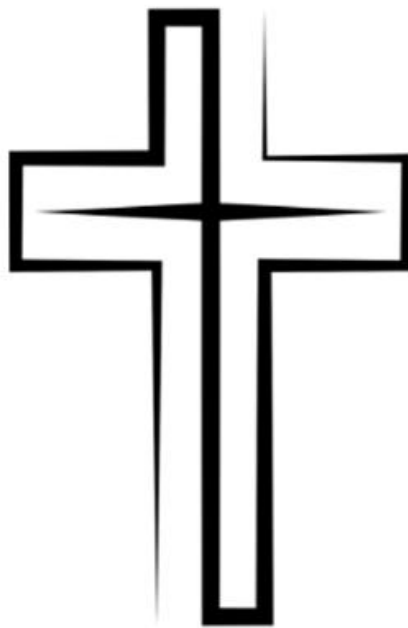


Church of the Holy Cross

Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 14, 2026
10 a.m.
Holy Communion

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Gathering of the People

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Gather us in

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing;
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery.
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter;
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing,
now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way;
We are the old who yearn for your face.
here we will take the bread of new birth.
not in some heav - en, light years a - way:
see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing;
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en;
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haughty;
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion;
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er;
gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;
gath - er us in, the proud and the strong;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
gath - er us in and make us your own;

D A C G
Gm Dm C G
Gm Dm C D C
Gm D A C D G A
C D G A

4
call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

6
we shall a-rise at the sound of our
give us the cour-age to en-ter the
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are
fire of love in our flesh and our

7
name.
song.
true.
bone.

Opening Acclamation (Anglican Church of Kenya)

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

People **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

Celebrant The Spirit is here.

People **The promise of God.**

Celebrant Let us pray:

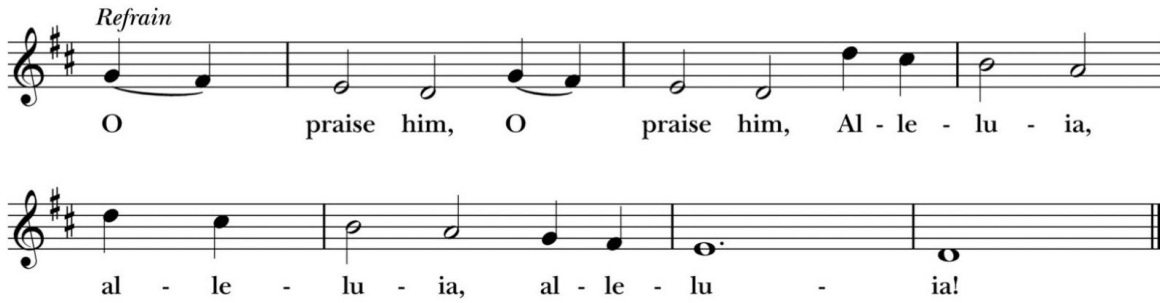
All **Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness,
and know the shadow of our hearts:
cleanse and renew us by your Spirit,
that we may walk in the light and glorify your name,
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise H 400 (vs 1 & 7) *All creatures of our God and King*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
7 Let ll things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-

1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
7 ness, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:



Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Exodus 19:2-8a

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; ***
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; ***
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn WOV 713 *Lord, let my heart be good soil*

Sing once before the gospel & once after.

The image shows a four-system musical score for the hymn "Lord, let my heart be good soil". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line to indicate the harmonic structure.

System 1: *Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your*

System 2: *Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where*

System 3: *love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,*

System 4: *break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.*

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GOOD SOIL
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will

betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

Sermon

The Rev. Sally Boelter

Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Creator, 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 Creator, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Creator; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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 Creator.
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 Creator,
who with the Creator and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 (adapted from the Anglican Church in Australia)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the community and world we live in, and for the ministry of Holy Cross,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For our search committee. Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process. **We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For the pastor who will be joining us. Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together. **We pray in the Spirit, O God**

For our church. Thanks you for sending us a tenant.

We pray in the Spirit, O God

For the least, the last and the outsiders to find belonging in love,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For the wise, the gifted and the strong to offer their talents in Christ's service,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For all who seek faith to discover the Good News here in their own way,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For all who are broken or discouraged to find healing and peace, in the grace of Christ,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For those who have gone before us.
May we be one in the resurrection to God's life.

Give us such trust in you, our generous God,
that our own generosity may be expressed in your service.

Give us the grace to live our unfolding story with you,
and to be changed by your Spirit as we live in hope.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

God's Peace is exchanged with one another.

Liturgy of the Table


Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music WLP 780 *Lord, you give the great commission*

The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.




1. Lord,	you	give	the	great	com -	mis - sion:	"Heal	the
2. Lord,	you	call	us	to	your	ser - vice:	"In	my
3. Lord,	you	make	the	com -	mon	ho - ly:	"This	my
4. Lord,	you	show	us	love's	true	mea - sure:	"Fa -	ther,
5. Lord,	you	bless	with	words	as -	sur - ing;	"I	am



sick and preach_ the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and




glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
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 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -




heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.)
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.)
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.) With the Spir - it's
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.)
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.)



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

Communion Prayer (Church of Ireland, Holy Communion Two, Prayer 3)

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Creator, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.
 When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children
 and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you 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;
do this in remembrance of me.

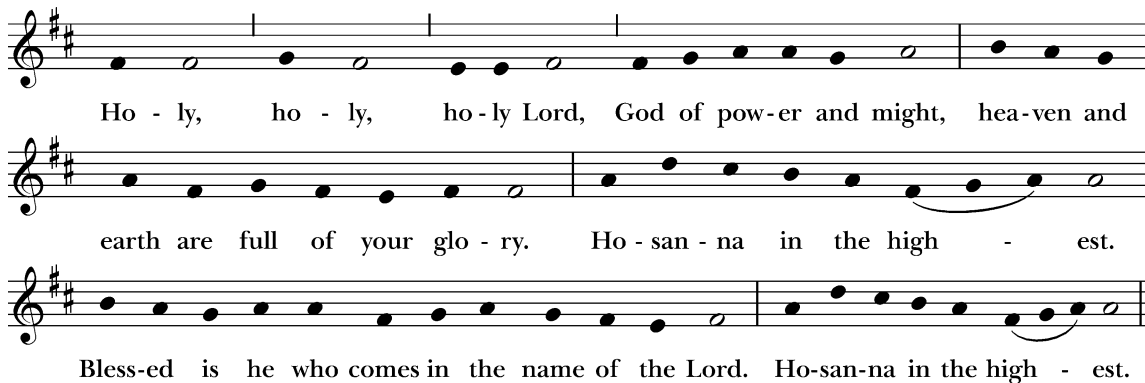
Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: **dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you
this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus S 124 *Holy, holy, holy*



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

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Celebrant Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
People **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread (Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

Fraction EOM1 38 *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:
 The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

Communion Music WLP 813 *Way, way, way*

Way way way way way way way way
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, come, Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the

way _____ way way way way _____
 cy. _____ Lord, have mer - cy. _____
 ia. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. _____
 come, _____ make our hearts your home. _____
 Lord. _____ Thanks be to God. _____

Each alternative text is sung independently and repeated numerous times.
 Words and Music: Traditional Ojibwa lullaby from *Chippewa Music* by Frances Densmore (1867-1957).

Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

Graduation Blessing

Post Communion Prayer (Anglican Church of Kenya)

**Almighty God, eternal Creator,
 we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table.
 We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family.
 Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your
 Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

Sending Hymn LEVAS 136 *I have decided to follow Jesus*

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. _ I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. _ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

— No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "— No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. There are some rests in the bass staff at the beginning.

Going into the World

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Larry Jansen
 Reader 2: Pam Janson
 Greeter/Usher: Cathi Peterson
 Zoom Host: Minerva Melville
 Counters:

Altar Guild

Joanne Quinlan, Carole Abshier, Gael Grossman,
 Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Kathie Kirby,
 Cathi Peterson

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