

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YEAR C ✠ SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Who Didst Ever Guide Me

J.S. Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN

“God, my King, thy might confessing”

Hymnal 414

TRADITIONAL COLLECT, PROPER 19

BCP 182

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONTEMPORARY COLLECT, PROPER 19

BCP 233

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THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

THE PSALM

Psalm 51:1-11

Music: George A. MacFarren

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | loving-| kindness; *
in your great compassion | blot out | my of-| fenses.
- 2 Wash me through and | through • from my | wickedness, *
and | cleanse me | from my | sin.
- 3 For I | know my • trans-| gressions, *
and my | sin is | ever • be-| fore me.
- 4 Against you | only • have I | sinned *



- and done what is | evil | in your | sight.
- 5 And so you are justified | when you | speak *
and | upright | in your | judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been | wicked • from my | birth, *
a | sinner • from my | mother's | womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth | deep with- | in me, *
and will make me under- | stand | wisdom | secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and | I shall • be | pure; *
wash me, and | I shall • be | clean in- | deed.
- 9 Make me hear of | joy and | gladness, *
that the body you have | broken | may re- | joice.
- 10 Hide your | face • from my | sins, *
and blot | out all | my in- | iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean | heart, O | God, *
and re- | new a • right | spirit • with- | in me.



THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

During the hymn, children three years old to fifth grade are invited to follow the banner-bearer to Children's Church. They will return at the Peace.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“The King of love my shepherd is”

Hymnal 645

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman

having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Old Ship of Zion* African-American spiritual, arr. Smith
‘Tis the old ship of Zion, hallelujah! I’m no ways weary, I’m no ways tired, glory hallelujah.
Just let me in the Kingdom when the world catch a-fire! O, glory hallelujah.
She has landed many thousands, hallelujah.
She is coming in the harbor, hallelujah.
She will land you safe in heaven, hallelujah.
O get your ticket ready. The ship will soon be leaving, O get your ticket ready to go.
King Jesus is her captain, hallelujah.
She will never rock or totter, hallelujah.
Just let me in the Kingdom when the world catch a-fire! O, glory hallelujah. (traditional)

PRESENTATION HYMN “Old 100th” booklet p.6 & Hymnal 380 v. 3

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion.
If you would like a gluten-free wafer, tell the priest at the communion rail.
Please join the choir in singing the hymns during communion.

Hymn	“My shepherd will supply my need”	Hymnal 664
Hymn	“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”	Hymnal 469
Hymn	“Now the silence”	Hymnal 333

CLOSING HYMN “Lift high the cross” Hymnal 473

DISMISSAL
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Sonata VI: *Fugue* Felix Mendelssohn



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God by **JoAnne & David Kilroy** in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary and thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.
- Adult Christian Formation, two opportunities, Sundays 9:30a-10:15: Lectionary Bible study with Tom Cook, Rm 205; Jane Austen and Faith, with Laura Dabundo, room 127.

- Busy bags are available with items for children to keep hands busy as they listen to the service. Find the bags near doors to the Narthex and the balcony, or ask an usher.
- **Sept 14 Sunday TODAY**
+ pledge commitment form in-gathering. Find orchid-colored forms by the parish hall.
+ Outreach Committee meeting in the parlor at 12:15
+ volunteers provide homemade dinner for The Extension. Email us to be involved.
- **Sept 17 Wednesdays at St. James** – Dinner, Fellowship, Worship, Formation, all ages. Details below along with a QR code to RSVP. **Heads up:** No dinner the *following* week, **Sept. 24.**
- **Sept 21 Sunday** Book Club meets in the library after the 10:30 service
+ Holy Eucharist at Sterling Estates 3p *All are invited. Volunteers set up 30 minutes early.*
- **Oct 4 Saturday** The Parish Choir Retreat is the perfect time for *you* to join this community of singers and journey toward Advent and Christmas. Email Bryan Black for more information.

Sundays

8am worship, Rite I
8:45-9:45 Breakfast in the Parish Hall
9:30-10:15 Lectionary Bible Study room
 205 + Jane Austen and Faith room 127
 + Sunday school upstairs for children age 4 to grade 5 & for youth
9:30-12:30 nursery ages 0-5 w/ Melissa Powers & Daysi Turcios
10:30 worship, Rite II with organ, choir. We invite age 3 – 5th grade to follow the banner to children's church at the Gospel Hymn.
11:45 hospitality in the Parish Hall
12:30-2:00 Youth group

Ongoing Mondays handbells 6p, tower bells 7pm Tuesdays Bible study 12:30p; **Wednesdays** Knitting for Charity 10a, Centering Prayer online 4p; Wednesday evening program *see above* **Saturdays** Tower Bells 10a

Wednesday Evenings

5:30pm Youth group
5:45 Dinner for all: two proteins, sides, salad, dessert. Scan the QR code to reserve a place →
6:30 Worship in the main church
 + Cherub Choir (age 4- grade 1) in Rm 206 + Choristers in music room
7:00 Express Christian Formation with Mo. Mariclaire room 127
7:30-9:00 Parish Choir



For Wed. Sept. 17
 To open Sign Up Genius.com, point your phone's camera at the QR code & tap the link that appears.

Notice of live-streaming broadcast: Our worship services are live-streamed and posted to social media. If you have concerns about being on camera, please ask one of the ushers to show you seating with limited exposure.

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emergency phone or text:

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