

Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:00 A.M.

13th AFTER PENTECOST

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service, if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea, juice and cake.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

HYMN # 43 From All the Winds Wide Quarters *(Blue Book)*

The grace of God be with you,
The grace of Christ be with you,
The grace of Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Savior. Amen.

Collect
O Creator and Potter of all,
You formed the earth and shaped our lives with care. When we distort Your design,
You do not discard but reshape in mercy.
Mould us to be caretakers of Your creation,
humble, responsive, and full of hope.
Let our lives reflect Your restoring hands,
through Christ, who makes all things new.
Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Reader: Phyllis Hawley
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 139: 1-6,13-18
Reader: Phyllis Hawley
GOD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O GOD, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
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Psalm Hymn: O God You Search Me

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
The Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 25-33
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Baptism Hymn: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Presentation of Candidates:
Rosealynn & Lily Jenkinsen

Prayers of the People – *Trish Peebles*

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God?
I believe in God,
creator of heaven and earth.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbours as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify the one God of heaven and earth.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Invitation and Peace

Offertory Hymn # 585 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Holy One.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is right in all times,…….
…… in this ancient honour song:……..

Holy, Holy, Holy # 203 (*Red book)*
O holy, holy holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!

Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, …
……now and forever.

Great Amen # 205 (Red book)
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen!

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 85 Take, O Take Me As I Am

THE COMMUNION

Hymn # 60 I Come with Joy

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN: O God Your Constant Care and Love

The Dismissal

ST LAURENCE
AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

RECTOR THE REV. DR. JANE ROWLAND
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