

Sunday September 14, 2025 10:00 A.M.

14th Sunday 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 and juice.

During the Season of Creation, we draw our liturgy from communities around the world. Today's opening comes from the Church of South Africa.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

Land acknowledgement

HYMN # 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky *(Red Book)*

Come, all who hope in the Lord,
for salvation brings new life to the earth.
The wilderness will rejoice and blossom,
the desert will sing with joy and bloom.
Rivers will flow where dry lands once lay,
and the parched ground will become a garden.
God's justice renews the face of the earth,
bringing peace and plenty for all creation.
Let us praise the Lord who restores all things,
whose love turns deserts into springs of life.

Act of Penitence
Merciful God,
We confess that we have turned away from Your ways,
and the earth groans under the weight of our sin.
The land is broken and barren, the heavens darkened, and the fields destroyed.
We have ignored the signs of Your warning,
Choosing selfishness over compassion,
neglecting the cries of Your creation.
Forgive our hardness of heart and renew our spirit, that we may live in harmony with all You have made. Restore us, O Lord, to walk gently on the earth, and to cherish the beauty of Your handiwork. Amen.
Words of Forgiveness

Collect
God of all life,
We tremble at the silence of the birds
and the ruin of the land.
Through our greed, forests fall and creatures flee.
Yet still You call us to repentance and renewal.
Stir in us a deep love for all You have made,
That we may heal what we have harmed.
Restore the beauty of Your earth,
Through Christ, our hope and our help.
Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 14
Reader: Corinne MacLean
The fool has said in their heart, "There is no God."
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
GOD looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon GOD?
See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, But GOD is their refuge.
Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when GOD restores the fortunes of GOD's people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.
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PSALM HYMN: God Lights a Lamp
God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'rywhere
for hidden lonely heart.
God lights a lamp, and she searches ev'rywhere.
When she finds you, O she sings,
"I have found my treasure, my precious silver coin,
I have found my love!"
Even angels will hear the news:
What once was lost is found. X3

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-10
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People –*Corinne MacLean*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 520 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is
(*Blue Book)*

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 offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is truly right,…….
……. creation as we sing:

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: Blessed are you,…….
……. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection,…….
……. For ever and ever.

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

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God
Chant # 474 Jesus Where'er Thy People Meet
(Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord
(Blue Book)

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 # There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
(*See insert*)

The Dismissal