

12 July 2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Sing

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal 686



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel___ it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

We Pray

**O God of mercy,
in Jesus Christ you freed us from sin and death,
and by your Holy Spirit
you nourish our mortal bodies with life.
Plant us now in good soil,
that our lives may flower
in righteousness and peace.
Amen.**

Please be seated

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (25:19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Song

Seek Ye First
HYMNAL 711

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things
will be added unto you
Al – le – lu, al-le-lu-ia

Verse 2

Ask, and it shall be given unto you
seek, and ye shall find
knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you
Al – le – lu, al-le-lu-ia

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:1-9,18-23)

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Please be seated

Sermon

We Set the Table

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

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Christ Feeds Us

Celebrant	The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.

Father, 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.

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.

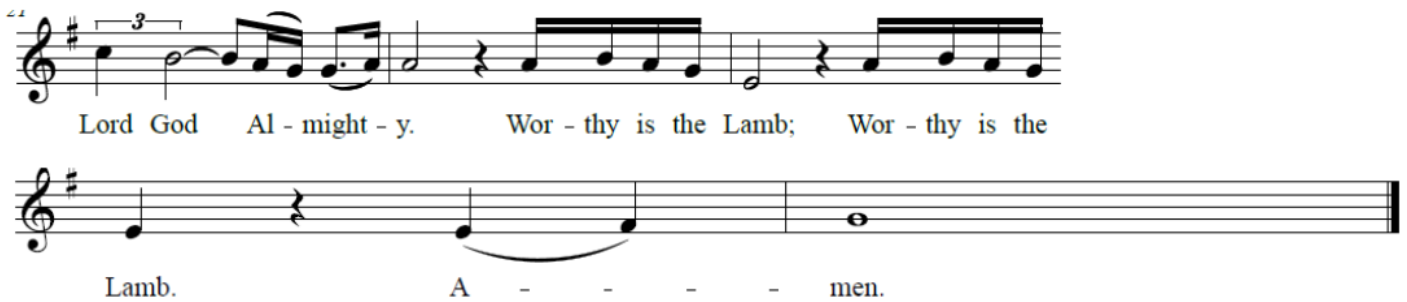
Praise to you, Lord Christ:

**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 Savior Jesus Christ. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia.
ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the
Lamb; Wor - thy is the Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho - ly are You,



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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the People of God

During Communion

Jesus Paid it All

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Bridge

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life from the dead
(Jesus)

Post-Communion Prayer

**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.**

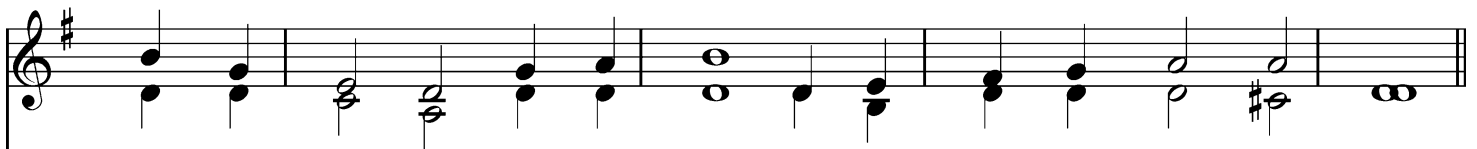
Announcements & Blessing

We Sing

For the Beauty of the Earth *Hymnal 416*

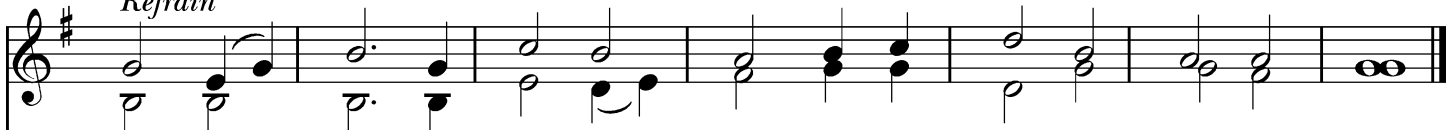


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

We're Sent

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!