



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

August 30, 2026,

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

--- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ---

After a drought of attention from God, the cries of the Israelites in Egypt finally provoke a divine response, in the form of a burning bush that does not crumble into ash. This famous *theophany* (showing forth of God) gets the attention of Moses, and so begins a transformational relationship. Thousands of years later, God is not finished getting our attention... although (like Moses) we do not always want to acknowledge what we are hearing or where we are being called to go. Just ask Peter in our Gospel lesson, who is certain the Jesus has got it wrong.

We welcome back The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz, our preacher and presider today.

Are you new to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew. And, please stay for refreshments.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We offer home-made Bread, with gluten-free wafers as an option. Either form may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #471 _____ We sing the praise of him who died

Open Acclamation & Collect

Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: S-277, *Glory to God*

setting by David Hurd



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

2. Lord God hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son on the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us: 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Exodus 3:1-15*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But

Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 12:9-21*

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Sequence Hymn #648 _____ *When Israel was in Egypt's land*

The Gospel Reading *Remain standing as able* _____ *Matthew 16:21-28*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*
Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

We believe in one God, the Father, 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 Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 Father.
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 Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Deacon Let our prayers give voice to the needs of the world, the church, and those who suffer; as we trust in the promise that God hears the cries of the oppressed and will send liberation.

Leader We pray for the Church, especially those who hear the voice of God, and agree to confront the Pharaohs and harsh taskmasters of our day. Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our Assisting Bishop, and the candidates for our Diocesan Bishop: Terri, Zack and Holly. Give us all ready hearts and hands to serve the least and the lost. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for our nation in this time of political division, wars overseas, and economic distress, that our leaders may respond to your call for peace, justice and mercy. We pray for the people of Iran and Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel; and for victims of earthquakes and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for this community, for the well-being of all families, migrants and refugees, and for persons confined in prison or detention. Help us to remember and minister to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the sick and the suffering, especially those on our Prayer List and those we name aloud... That their cries for healing, comfort and dignity may soon be answered. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who are near death and those who have died, especially the people we name... Welcome them into your heavenly home, and bring us there, too, with all your saints, in the great reunion of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, *please stand or kneel* _____

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence*

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution *is pronounced by the priest*

Almighty God have mercy upon 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 *Please stand* _____

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!

Milestones and Announcements _____

The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form.



Offertory Hymn #675 _____ *Take up your cross*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 1 _____ *EOW1*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: S-124 _____ *setting by David Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

The people may kneel or remain standing, as the priest continues the prayer

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care, that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery in Egypt, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the God-bearer, Jude and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

Fraction Anthem: S-154 _____ setting by David Hurd



Invitation to Communion _____ Iona Community

Priest The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus,
 and all who love him.

Deacon It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified
 himself.

Priest It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

Deacon So come to the table, for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Both These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion _____

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Our bread contains gluten; we have gluten-free rice wafers if you prefer. The wine may be sipped from the chalice (please assist the chalice-bearer) or hold up your bread as you wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.

Music during Communion:

Solo _____ Be Still (At Snapper)

Hymn #455 _____ O Love of God, how strong and true

Prayer after Communion Please stand as able _____ Church of England

Priest Let us pray.
People Gracious God, lover of all,
 in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son,
 one in the sharing of his body and blood
 and one in the communion of his Spirit:
 help us to grow in love for one another
 and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
 We make our prayer through Jesus your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing _____

Sending Out Hymn: LEVAS2 #196 _____ Leaning on the everlasting arms

Music in insert

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____