

# The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service



St. Peter's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church  
1954 Spillway Road  
Brandon, Mississippi

The Very Rev. Carol Mead  
Rector

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Procession into the Church*

Hymnal # 412

*Earth and All Stars*

**Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new Song!  
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new Song!**

*refrain:*      **He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!**

**Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song! *refrain***

**Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song! *refrain***

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

**People          And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Gloria*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day*

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

People           **And also with you.**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

*The First Reading: Amos 8:1-12*

This is what the Lord GOD showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"  
says the Lord GOD;

"the dead bodies shall be many,  
cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.  
Shall not the land tremble on this account,  
and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,  
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord GOD,  
I will make the sun go down at noon,  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,  
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son,  
and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,  
when I will send a famine on the land;  
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the LORD.

They shall wander from sea to sea,  
and from north to east;

they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,  
but they shall not find it.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response:* Psalm 52

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
against the godly all day long?
- 2 **You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \***  
**O worker of deception. `**
- 3 You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 **You love all words that hurt, \***  
**O you deceitful tongue.**
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 **The righteous shall see and tremble, \***  
**and they shall laugh at him, saying,**

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

8 **But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \***  
**I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
and declare the goodness of your Name  
in the presence of the godly.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28*

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*People*                      The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn*

Hymnal # 707

*Take My Life*

**Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

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*The Gospel:* Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Sermon*—The Very Rev. Carol Mead

*The Nicene Creed*

**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—Form II*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Dorothy our Bishop, Carol our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.  
*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.  
*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those suffering from addiction, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.  
*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.  
*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.  
*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*The Confession*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution*

Almighty God have mercy on 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.

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Offertory*

*The Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 him thanks and praise.**



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays and o other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus*

Hymnal S-129

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

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 the Bread*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Fraction Anthem*

*Behold the Lamb*

**Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,  
slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners crucified, O holy Sacrifice,  
behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.**

**Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb.  
Praise Him, praise Him, heaven and earth resound.**

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*Communion Hymns*

*Surely the Presence*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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*Have Your Own Way, Lord*

**Have your own way, Lord, have your own way;  
you are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after your will,  
while I am waiting yielded and still.**

**Have your own way, Lord, have your own way;  
search me and try me, master today.  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in your presence humbly I bow.**

**Have your own way, Lord, have your own way;  
wounded and weary, help me I pray.  
Lord, by your promise, wholeness is mine;  
touch me and heal me, Saviour divine.**

**Have your own way, Lord, have your own way;  
hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with your Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me.**

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*Taste and See*

**Taste and see. Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see. Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

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*Postcommunion Hymn*

*Be Unto Your Name*

**We are a moment, you are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, you are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.**

**Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
be unto your name, be unto your name.**

**We are the broken, you are the healer, Jesus, redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before you, blessing your name.**

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*Postcommunion 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.**

*The Blessing*

*Procession into the World*

Hymnal # 436

*Lift up Your Heads*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

**O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.**

**So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.**

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*The Dismissal Response*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**