

The Word of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *Take up your cross, the Savior said (Bourbon)* (H 675)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

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

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

In unison: 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Hurd) (S 277)*

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 of 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17 (simplified Anglican chant)

- ¹ Bow down your ear, O Lord, and | answer me, *
for I am poor and in | misery.
- ² Keep watch over my life, for I am | faithful; *
save your servant who puts his | trust in you.
- ³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my | God; *
I call upon you all the day | long.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your | servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my | soul.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and for- | -giving, *
and great is your love toward all who call u- | -pon you.
- ⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my | prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my suppli- | -cations.
- ⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call u- | -pon you, *
for you will | answer me.
- ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O | Lord, *
nor anything like your | works.
- ⁹ All nations you have made will come and worship you, O | Lord, *
and glorify your | Name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great; you do wondrous | things; *
and you alone are | God.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy u- | -pon me; *
give your strength to your servant;

and save the child of your | handmaid.

- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be a- | -shamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and | comforted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT *Surely it is God who saves me* (Thomas Merton) (H 679, v. 1)

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve apostles,] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE *Surely it is God who saves me (Thomas Merton)*
(H 679, v. 2)

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

PRAYERS, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION
FORM VI (BCP p. 392)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Tune: Bethany - Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
(arr. *Georgiann Toole*)

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee,
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee.

Though like the wanderer, sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone.

Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee.

Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee.

- Sarah F. Adams (1805-1848)

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C (BCP p. 372)

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

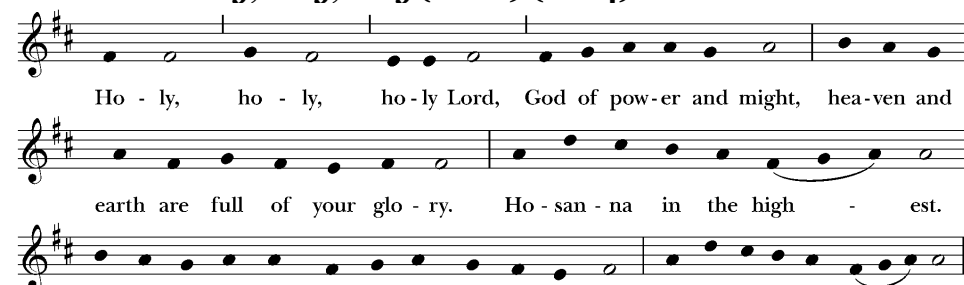
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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.

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Hurd) (S 124)*

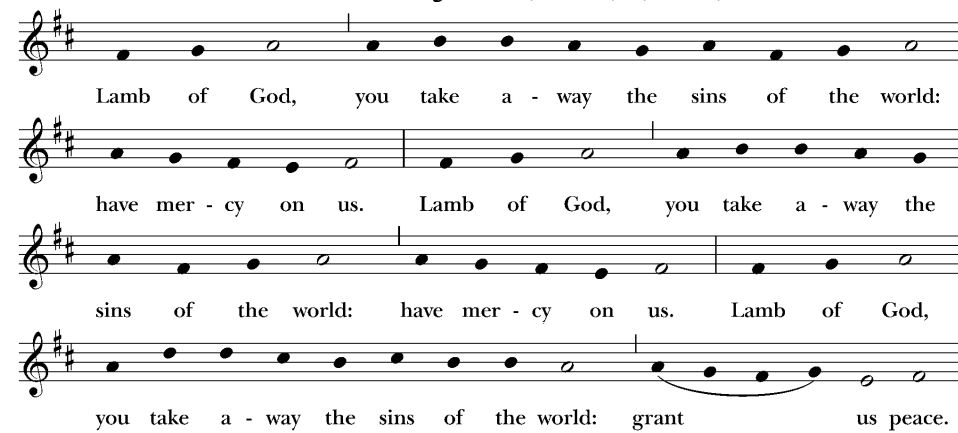


Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God (Hurd) (S 161)*



DISTRIBUTION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN *O Jesus, I have promised (Nyland) (H 655)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (Gott sei Dank) (H 530)*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship
in our Church Center for fellowship and refreshments.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Kanuga Camp and Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC; The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan, President.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Ann Driscoll.

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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
21 June 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Roy Tripp, Celebrant



Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better.

NOTES: BCP is *The Book of Common Prayer*, the book with the gold cross. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.

