

# **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:00 AM + September 14th, 2025**



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## **Welcome!**

You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Prelude:* Voluntary on "Halton Holgate" William Boyce; arr. Robert Lind

*Opening Hymn:* "The God of Abraham praise" Blue Hymnal 401

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

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

Holy God, be in our minds, that we might let go of all that diminishes the movement of your spirit within us. Discerning God, be in our eyes, that we might see you in the midst of all - the busyness that fills our lives.

Loving God, be in our hearts, that we can be open to those we love, to those with whom we share ministry and to the whole human family.

Gracious God, be in that grace-filled silence that lies deep within us, that we might live in Christ as Christ lives in us. **Amen**

**Gloria: "Glory to God"**

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

### The Collect

*Said in unison*

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 14



- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no **God**." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any **good**.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us **all**, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after **God**.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned **bad**; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not **one**.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those **evildoers** \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the **LORD**?
- 5 See how they tremble with **fear**, \*  
because God is in the company of the **righteous**.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the **afflicted**, \*  
but the LORD is their **refuge**.  
(repeat second half of chant)
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of **Zion**! \*  
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be **glad**.

## **A reading from the Book of 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn:** "In your mercy, Lord, you called me" Blue Hymnal 706  
(vv. 1 & 2 before Gospel; v. 3 after)

## **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 15:1-10**

*People's response before the Gospel*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*People's response after the Gospel*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed**      *Spoken by all, standing.*

**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** – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Patient and Gracious Lord, enter our hearts and move our desires to your glory as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your church always be a place of refuge and renewal, a place for the healing of lost and wounded souls. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that Christian freedom is freedom from fear, from anxiety, from hate and embolden us in our civic lives that we might build a nation of peace, justice, and mercy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You created us so that we might be your partners in sustaining the abundance of creation. Grant us wisdom and a sense of urgency in addressing our environmental and climate challenges. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our parish, embolden us to share your glory in every part of our lives that the Good News of Christ might be known to all who know us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and strength to all who suffer and let us be healers and comforters to those in need. [Especially we pray for...*prayer list.*]

Embrace the dying, usher them into your eternal care and grant us an entrance into your light and love at our last day. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have worked from the beginning to urge us onto the path of abundant life, continue to show guide us on the Way and welcome us back whenever we stray. Through Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign, forever and always. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God. (*Silence may be kept.*)

**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**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Peace**     *All stand*

*Celebrant:*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*        **And also with you.**

### **Announcements:**

**Offertory Anthem:** Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old  
Words: Edward H. Plumptre     Music: Carson P. Cooman

## **The Holy Communion:**

*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 every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:** "Holy, holy, holy"

LEVAS 255

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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**

**Fraction Anthem:** "Christ our Passover"

LEVAS 268

**Communion Music:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Words: Frederick William Faber, Music: BEECHER; John Zundel

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**Closing Hymn:** "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"    **Blue Hymnal 708**

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:*        Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
                         Alleluia, Alleluia, **ALLELUIA.**

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

**Postlude:** Voluntary

John Keeble

**Thank you for joining us today!**

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