

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM + June 28th, 2026



Welcome!

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

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Processional Hymn: Blue Hymnal 400 (*omit verses with asterisk*)

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: *(spoken)*

**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 Collect

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day
after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

A reading from the letter to the Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been

freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when I but call your name!
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the

reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

People's response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Amy Hunter

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*

Together in loving confidence, we seek your power in our world and in our lives as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for the church and for all who strive to follow you, finding their strength in the love you have for all people and races. We ask you to be present with us in this present age, as we seek justice, peace, and well-being. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation, for the renewal of its promise; for those elected to serve and all in positions of leadership. We pray also for all those who work for change and the betterment of our institutions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, for those who work to heal and cure all that ails us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community, that all might know health, safety, and opportunity at their most bountiful. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any kind of need, for those who struggle with hopelessness or anxiety; for those who are homeless, jobless, hungry, or imprisoned. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and the suffering, especially for ... [*Names from prayer list in insert*], Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying and for those who mourn that the dying may be brought to kingdom life and the grieving may be brought into the grace of your peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask all this with hearts full of love for you, your Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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 Hymn:

Blue Hymnal 304

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 God 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.

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:

(spoken)

**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:

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

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

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

Communion Hymns:

We Rejoice to Be God's Chosen

We rejoice to be God's chosen
Not through virtue, work, or skill
But because God's love is generous,
Unconformed to human will
And because God's love is restless, like the surging of the sea.
We are pulled by heaven's dynamic
To be come not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen
To be gathered to God's side
Not to build a pious ghetto
or be steeped in selfish pride,
But to celebrate the goodness
Of the one who sets us free
From the smallness of our vision
To become, not just to be.

We rejoice to be God's chosen
To align with Heaven's intent
To await where we are summoned
And accept where we are sent.
We rejoice to be God's chosen
And, amidst all that we see,
To anticipate with wonder
That the best is yet to be.

He is Exalted

He is exalted the King is exalted on High
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high

He is exalted, the King is on High
I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name

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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.

Recessional Hymn:

Alleluia! He is Coming

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-coming
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-coming down the road

Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here
Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-weeping
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-weeping for my sins

Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here
Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-dying
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross

Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here
Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here

I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-rising
I looked up
And I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave

Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here
Alleluia He is coming
Alleluia He is here

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**

Thank you for joining us today!

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