

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Gale Lovrich.

## Important Covid Safety Reminders

Bishop John Taylor now allows churches in the Diocese of Los Angeles to adopt the CDC Covid guidelines.

Therefore, for fully vaccinated people, face masks and social distancing are now optional, although please make the choices that are most comfortable for you. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. Please follow visual and verbal cues with regard to space during times of greeting such as the peace. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

*Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

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*Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.*

*Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.*

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Living God

Hymn #372, v. 1, 3

Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name who was, and is, and  
His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will: in pro - phet's work he  
is to be, for ay the same. The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap -  
spoke of old; he speak - eth still. Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall  
pears; the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years.  
stand, deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.

Words: Medieval Jewish Liturgy. Music: LEONI, Hebrew melody. Hymn #372, The Hymnal 1982

*Mark Bennett, baritone*

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Jerry Sather

## The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be God's kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically*

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, and say together.*

Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed, *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Amos 7:12-15

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Amos

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me,

"Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

## The Response

Psalm 85:8-13, *Benedixisti, Domine*

Reader Let us read together from Psalm 85—(*responsively by whole verse, with the People reading the text in bold*).

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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*Please STAND, as able.*

## The Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

**People Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

*Please be seated for*

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

The Affirmation of Faith

*Philippians 2:6-11*

**Though in the form of God,  
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,  
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*  
and was born in human likeness.  
Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God has highly exalted him \*  
and given him the name above every name,  
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \*  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, for*

The Prayers of the People

*(names of individuals we pray for this week are at the end of this service bulletin)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; your wisdom and insight has made known to us the mystery of your will to gather up all things in Christ: Move with power and justice throughout the earth, to unite all people in to your divine life, we pray: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You chose your Church in Christ before the foundation of the world, O Gracious One: Fill us with such gladness and love of you that we may sing and rejoice in your presence and bless all people in your name.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up and protect prophets as of old who will challenge the rulers of this age and inspire us to be holy and blameless before you in love: Protect us from political intrigue and from the abuse of power, so that our nation may be a people of clean hands and pure hearts. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ, you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places; let your holy presence strong and mighty: Be with all who live in place of injustice or violence; strengthen all who suffer for the sake of conscience; and visit the prisoners with your mercy and wisdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give this community wisdom and insight to hear the word of truth and to live in the glorious grace you freely bestow on us in the Beloved, that your glory may dwell in our land. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We have set our hope on Christ as we offer our prayers of intercession: *(after each intercession, please add your own prayers either silently or aloud).*

We pray for those who are ill, or who live with any threat or trauma...

Hear our glad words of thanksgiving, especially for...

Remember those who have died, that they may be marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, the pledge of our inheritance, especially...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### The Prayer for Transition

Let us say together our prayer for transition.

**All** **Oh, precious Lord God Jesus Christ, we pray our search will reveal to us a new Rector of your choice. Guide our hearts to decide Your will of whom to lead our Church family. Quiet our minds and feelings to welcome all candidates to show us Your chosen one to lead our parish family to share the light of Christ. In the name of Our Lord God Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!** *(by Darryl Tillman)*

Celebrant: Hear us as we call upon you, O God, and establish among us your rule of justice and truth, that we may be protected from all evil and live according to the riches of the grace that you have bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin

*From Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

*Please STAND or kneel as able, and join in saying,*

**All** **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.**

### The Absolution

✠ Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave. Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

Offertory Anthem

*The Apple Tree*

*K. Lee Scott*

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:*

*I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:*

*Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.*

*St. Francis Choir*

*Please STAND, as able,*

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

*The people join in reading the parts in bold.*

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 through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.*

*The Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.***

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

**Jesus 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 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 shed 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling Christ's 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 forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome here at Christ's table. Take these gifts in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral.

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*For those participating online*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

*Please STAND, as able,*

## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Loving God,**

**we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;



and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

The Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Hymn #671, v 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

A - maz - ling\_ grace! How sweet the sound that saved a\_ wretch like me! I  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved; how  
The Lord has pro - mised good to me, his word my hope se - cures; he  
Through man - y\_ dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come; 'tis  
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, we've

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once\_ was lost, but now\_ am\_ found, was blind but\_ now I see.  
pre - cious did that grace\_ ap - pear the hour I\_ first be - lieved!  
will\_ my\_ shield and por - tion\_ be as long as\_ life en - dures.  
grace\_ that brought me safe\_ thus\_ far, and grace will\_ lead me home.  
no\_ less days to sing\_ God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words by John Newton(1725-1807) NEW BRITAIN from Virginia Harmony, 1831

St. Francis Choir

Postlude



*Names of those we pray for this week.*

**All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families:** Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

**All those who are sick or in need of any kind:** Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christian-son, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, David Iida, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd, and Jennifer Zimmerman.

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