

7th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 12 July 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary **Larghetto** (Sonata No. 2)
Alexandre Guilmant

O day of radiant gladness (*Stand*) **Hymn 48**

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

The Celebrant continues

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 **Come, all you people**
Uyai Mose

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker! (*3 times*)
Come now and worship the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not
return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring
forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so
shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return
to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and
succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of
the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a
memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

[Isaiah 55:10-13]

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

Psalm 65:9-14 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth
out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the
ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be
rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free
from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in
the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned
sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be
fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according
to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their
minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to
the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the
mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life
and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is
hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot,
and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the
Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit
of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though
the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of
righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give
life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in
you. *[Romans 8:1-11]*

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

I want to walk as a child of the light (*Stand*) **Hymn 490**

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great
crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many
things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as
he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate
them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have
much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of
soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had
no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and
the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil
and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some
thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the
word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one
comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what
was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this
is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and
when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that
person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among
thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the
world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.
But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the
word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one
case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23]

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

Children’s Chapel

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel
for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.*

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (*Stand*).....**BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People (*Kneel*)

At the end of each petition

Leader Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
People and teach us your judgments.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Confession & Absolution..... **BCP 360**

The Peace..... **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....**God so loved the world**
Stephanie Martin

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (*Stand*).....**Hymn 380, v.3**

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A..... **BCP 361**

The Sanctus (*Sung by all*).....**Land of Rest**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -

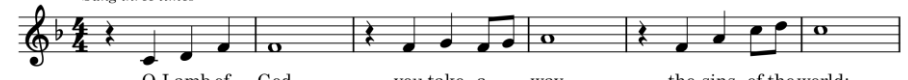


Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer..... **BCP 364**

Fraction (*Sung by all*)

Sung three times



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns.....**588, 593, 505**

The Postcommunion Prayer (*Kneel*)..... **BCP 365**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Spread, O spread , thou mighty word (*Stand*).. **Hymn 530**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Voluntary..... **Prelude on Gott sei Dank**
Gaël Liardon

Tower Bells

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Arthur G. Kennerly, Jr. by his family; and by Helen Haines in thanksgiving for Katherine Bazzel Archer on her birthday.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or "t" telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John's website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary

10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II).....Chapel
with Healing Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Ray, Mary, Jeff Askins, Elise, Randy, Nicholas, William, George Johnson

The Departed: Nancy Marsters

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacons; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders