

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2020

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude, Set 2, No. 2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

“Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.” - Psalm 139:11

HYMN 1

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

Tune: *Christe sanctorum*



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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THE OPENING SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (S-277)

from *New Plainsong Mass*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit for the lessons

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

Anglican Chant: Jerome Meachen (b. 1930)

The cantors sing verses 1 and 2 alone, and all join on the remaining verses.

In this style of chanting, the slashes in the text indicate when to change notes in the chant.



- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and / known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from a-/far.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my / resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my / ways.
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my / lips, ***
but you, O LORD, know it alto-/gether.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and be-/fore ***
and lay your hand up-/on me.
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for / me; ***
it is so high that I cannot at-/tain to it.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your / Spirit? ***
where can I flee from your / presence?
- 7 **If I climb up to heaven, you are / there; ***
if I make the grave my bed, you are there / also.
- 8 **If I take the wings of the / morning ***
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the / sea,
- 9 **Even there your hand will / lead me ***
and your right hand hold me / fast.
- 10 **If I say, "Surely the darkness will / cover me, ***
and the light around me turn to / night,"

Second half of the chant

- 11 **Darkness is not dark to you;**
the night is as bright as the / day; *
darkness and light to you are both a-/like.
- 22 **Search me out, O God, and know my / heart; ***
try me and know my restless / thoughts.
- 23 **Look well whether there be any wickedness in / me ***
and lead me in the way that is ever-/lasting.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the

Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong

The cantor introduces the Alleluia, and then all repeat.

The cantor sings the verse below, and then all repeat the Alleluia.



V: The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom. (Matthew 13:37-38)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Fr. Bruce Walker

Silence may be kept after the homily.

**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.**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Saying together **Roscoe, Josephine, Larry, Bill, Gisela, Catherine, James, John, Susan, Corwin, Beth, David, Casey, Sally, Donna, Mary Lou, Joy, Manuel, the Robertson family, Stephen, Don, Jimmy, Linda, Anita, Gordon, Bob, Deborah, and all those on our long term prayer list.** Are there others? (Please add the names of others either silently or aloud)

In thanksgiving we pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming week, especially **Tom Northrup (20).**

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad especially those listed on our military prayer list. We pray also for their families, friends, and neighbors who await their safe return.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for our sister church, St. Gabriel's and St. Mary's & St. Stephen's in Morganton. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

We pray for our missionaries and their work in the world, for **Russ and Heidi Smith in Chile, John and Zsófi Wilson in Hungary, Daniel & Rachel Aytes in Thailand, and Jim & Jennifer Bowers in Mali.**

We pray for St. Francis Day School, and for its students and teachers and their families, that they may grow in stature and wisdom, and in the knowledge and love of your grace and truth.

A Prayer for our Time of Transition

O God, as we proceed through this interim time, we confidently rely upon your Holy Presence to guide us, and we are thankful for the many blessings you have bestowed upon St. Francis Church.

May we use this time well to discern your will for us in our reading of Sacred Scripture, in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist, through our sensitivity to one another, in our personal meditation and prayer, and through our sharing with others in fellowship.

We ask this, Lord of our lives, through your son Jesus, and through your Holy Spirit, who teaches us how to pray, and how to live together in peace forever. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Doxology

As the offering is presented at the altar the people say

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer II (Enriching Our Worship)

The people remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS (S-124)

from *New Plainsong Mass*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

**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.

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS *(The minister and the people receive communion at this time.)*

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. Please note elements are being made available, prior to the liturgy, for use at this time. Details can be found in the Lych Gate.

INVITATION TO THE EUCHARIST FOR THOSE AT HOME (may be said during communion)

In union with the faithful of every generation and especially with those present at Saint Francis Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer my own thanks and praise to You, my Lord and my God. I present my mind, soul and body towards heaven with the earnest intention of being present in spirit with those who call You, Lord of all. I remember Your death and resurrection and I await Your coming in glory. I unite myself with those gathered at your altar and embrace You with all my heart, knowing that nothing can ever separate Your love from me. May I live, move and have my being in Your loving presence. Amen (prayer adapted from the Armed Services Prayer Book by Fr. Walker+)

HYMN 184 (*LEVAS II*)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Tune: *Blessed Assurance*

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my
 1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, ——— Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. ———
 2. bove ——— Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. ———
 3. bove, ——— Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. ———

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, ——— Prais - ing my
 sav - ior all the day long; ——— This is my sto - ry, this is my
 song, ——— Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. ———

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Let us pray.

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.**

THE BLESSING

1. Love di - vine all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive; sud - den -
 3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be; let us

us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus
 ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we
 see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee: changed from

thou art all com - pas - sion pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

Priti, Kate, Zoey, Courtney, Tom, Addison, James, Jeff, Tina, Charles, Starry, James, Julie, Nichole, Chuck, Bill, Thomas, Mary, Jamie, Tammy, John, Jessica, Remi, Erik, the Wood Family, Thomas, Glen, Carletta, Steve, Christy, Gus, Ken, Rose, Melissa, Madilyn, Dorothy, Katherine, Brandon, Mike, Jess, Daniel, Brooke, Sophia, Lane, Mary, Al, Jessica, Sara, Carl, John Scott & family, Barbara, Leslie, Larry, Joann, Meagan, Owen, Eli, Barbara, Rebecca, Dick, Robin, Valerie, Ed, David, Keith, Jessie, Holly, Mike, Nancy, Ginger, Bobbie, Crystal, David, Fatima, Elaine, Penny, Carrie, Mark, Ben, Samuel, Lonnie, Scott, Tom, Lauren, Craig, Rosie, Susan, Santos, Mike, Houston, Joe, the Greenway family, Amanda, Dylan, Drake, Jenny, James, Scott, Kristen, the Allen family, Peter, Katherine, Deanna, Debbie, Luke, Tyler, Bob, Trinity, Tony, Lucy, Diana, Susan, Andrew, Jennifer, Marlene, Gene, Madeline, Mark, Mayden, Dakota, Eubanks family, Vicki, William, Brenda, Nancy, Bob, Justin, Nancy, the Deviney family, Anna, Grayson, Jackie, Billy, Ricky, Tabitha, Chad, Deborah, Brandon, Margie, Bonita, Jenna, Seth, Mary, Scott, Mary, Joanne, Jennifer, Clara, Judy, Gary, Betsie, Skip, Joyce, Kevin, John, Susan, Jill, Charles, Chad, Geoffrey, David, Caleb, Christian, Dean, Bobby, Maria, James, Emily, the Leverette family, Laura, Robin, Cindy, Amberleigh, McKayleigh, Ayden, Paisley, Susan, Chad, Sue, Michael, Mary, Ann, Andrea, Cathy, Bud, Mary, Sydnor, Bob, Beth, Karen, Joe, Valerie, Tyler, Larissa, Alex, Noreen, Marion, Spencer, Casey, Danny, Patrick, Kathryn, Christy, Bella, Derek, Bob, John, Jesse, Martha, Jerry, Bobby, Roger, Jimmy, Linda, Betty, Paula, Donna, Gordon, Cullin, Lisa, Will, Tammy Jo, Pam, Ken, Janet, David, Lillian, David, Ken, Lee, Jack, Kaylin, Paula, Bob, Trish, Daphne, Chris, Karmen, Devon, Gary, Janice, Laura, Celia, Daniel, Wayne, Annie, Bob, Paden, Mike, Linda, Nicole, Ryan, Scott, Helen, Kathy, Jo, Paula, Theresa, Cindy, Jane, Lori, Renee, Ed, Pat, Brian, AJ, Emily, Mary, Makenzie, Mike, Elaine, Tony, Elizabeth, Paula, Jennifer, Morgan, Danielle, Marsha, Chester, Terry, Paula, Betty, Teresa, Jimmy, Jamesen, Billy, Jimmy, the Snyder family, the Slater family, Calissa, Ryan, Amy, Lisa.