Holy Eucharist August 29, 2021, 10:30AM

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Rite Two

This service is live-streamed. You may be filmed during any wide shot of the congregation.

Prelude: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Anna Laura Page

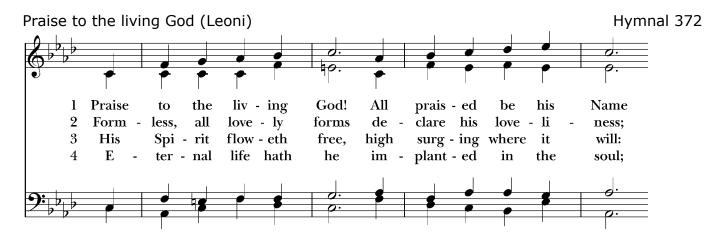
Greg Schreiner, Piano

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

(at the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church while the choir remains in the pews)

HYMN





(the Celebrant says)

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

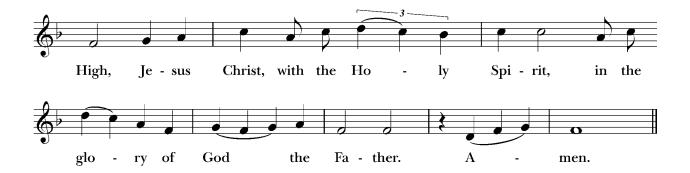
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

(the Celebrant says)

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(please sit for readings)

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

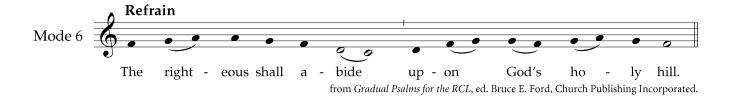
You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15 (sung by a member of the choir with Refrain sung by all)



¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

Refrain

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SECOND READING James 1:17-27

A Reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart. **Refrain**

⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.

⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

⁷Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

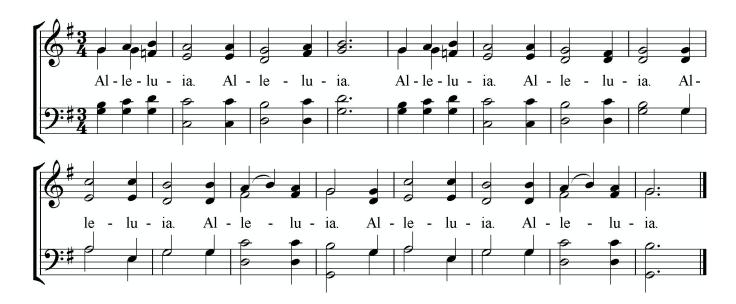
But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

(a moment of silence is observed – the people stand for the reading of the Gospel)



GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders,

but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - The Rev. Nathan A. Rugh

(a moment of silence is observed)

THE NICENE CREED

(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people stand)

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Open our eyes to see that all we are and all we have comes from you, O God. We ask you now to increase in us a spirit of generosity and holy imagination.

Open our lips with your praise as we gather as the body of Christ. Keep the leaders of our faith communities deeply connected to you that you may guide their course as we journey together. We pray for our bishops, our priests and deacons, and all who support the work you have given us to do.

Silence

Open the hearts of the leaders of the world. Give them courage to work for a better future for their people, which reflects justice, kindness, and connection with each other. Open the path to peace in the world.

Silence

Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face violent weather, whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances. May your love be made manifest through us.

Silence

Open a path to wholeness for those who live in fear of any kind, who have lost their way, whose spirits are restless, whose bodies are hurting.

Silence

Open your arms to embrace those who have recently died. Grant them entrance to your eternal kingdom, where there is no pain or grief.

Silence

For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud (intercessions may be offered).

Silence

For the mission of the Church and for our own mission:

As we work to include all people, as we share the grace of God, and challenge ourselves to follow Christ.

(the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)

All just and merciful God, you know our wants, and you know our true needs. May you attend to our prayers, direct our hearts in the way of justice and mercy, and enlighten our minds that we may know your holy will. We ask this through the just one, Jesus Christ, your servant and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

(the Celebrant says)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

Celebrant 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 Priest stands and says)

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.

(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

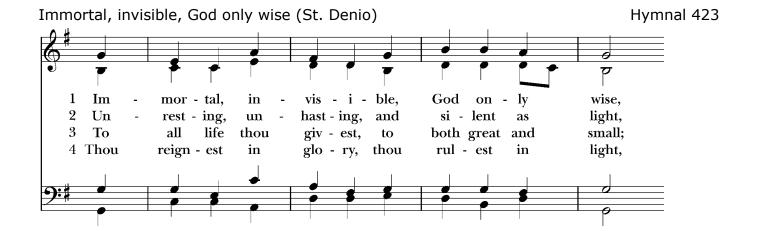
(choir comes forward for the anthem and the congregation remains seated)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "Cantate Domino" by Hans Leo Hassler

sung by the Chamber Singers; John-Kevin Hilbert, Conductor

HYMN

(please stand as representatives of the congregation bring our offering to be presented and placed on the Altar)





The Great Thanksgiving

(the people stand)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

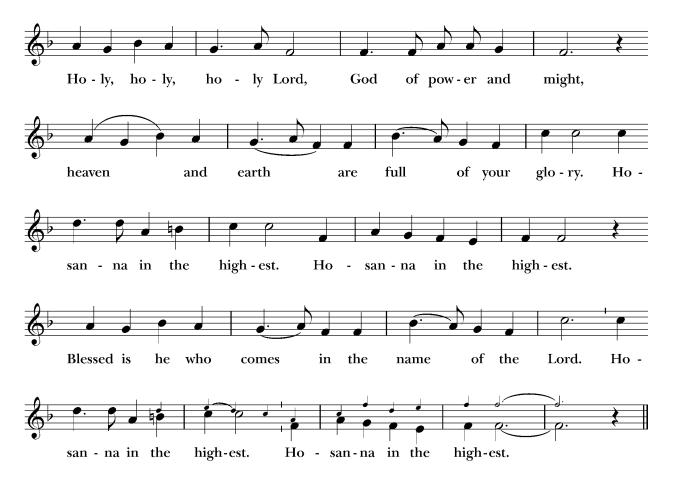
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



(the Celebrant continues)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

(the Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

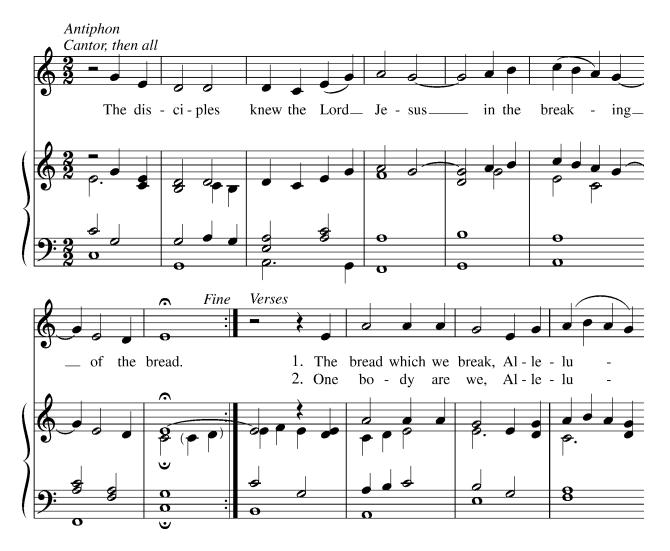
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,

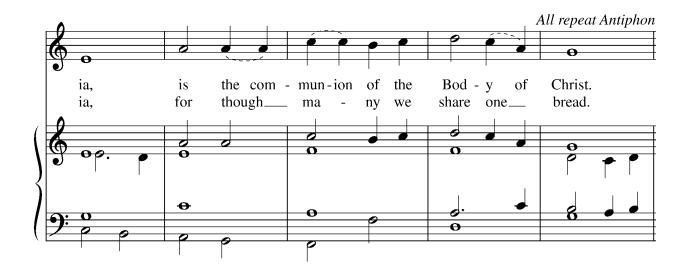
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(a period of silence is kept – the following anthem is sung)





Invitation to Holy Communion

(Celebrant)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome at Christ's Table.

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion. When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is not possible, this prayer of spiritual communion is a means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

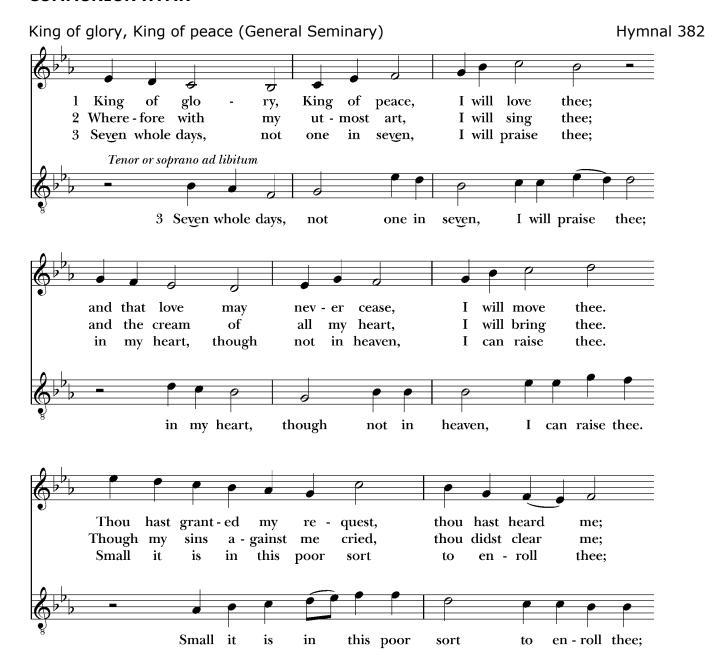
In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

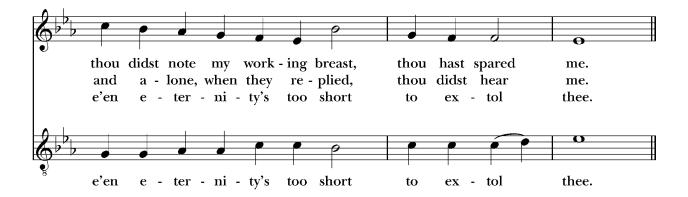
(All are welcome forward to receive the bread at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. If you would like a contactless blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Due to the pandemic, we cannot distribute the consecrated wine, and we ask that you keep safe distance from one another at the communion rail)

COMMUNION ANTHEM - "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" Music by J.S. Bach

sung by the Chamber Singers; John-Kevin Hilbert, Conductor

COMMUNION HYMN





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(please stand as we pray together)

Celebrant 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.

BLESSING

(the people stand and the Celebrant says)

The peace of God, 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.**

CLOSING HYMN



DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: "When I Can Read My Title Clear" by Anna Laura Page

Greg Schreiner, Piano

Coffee and tea are available for you on the patio.

Upcoming

Bishop John Taylor Visitation Sun. 9/5, 9am & 10:30am