

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn 380

From all that dwells below the skies

Old 100th

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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: Jubilate Psalm 100

All **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray

Celebrant Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Word of God

Lesson 1: Genesis 45:1-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

(Read reciprocally by full verse.)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

Lesson 2: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Reader A Reading from the Book of Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 538

God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 10--28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Earl Mahan

Nicene Creed

All 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

Leader The gift of forgiveness surpasses our understanding; it heals relationships, and mends our wounds. In thanksgiving for God's unfailing love, we offer our prayer, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."
That the leaders of the nations may maintain justice that leads to peace, and harmony that leads to abundant life for all people; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the humility to receive God's blessings and the willingness to be a blessing to others, especially those who are lost and afraid, ill and without hope for recovery, mentally fragile and without friends; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For teachers preparing for the school year that is ahead, that they may be inspired to patiently nurture the minds of those in their charge; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That we may be a people of gratitude, giving thanks to God with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That we may not succumb to the harmful temptations of our culture, the desire to possess things beyond our need, our misuse of intimacy, our reliance on drugs and alcohol to improve our lives, and all things that keep us from trusting the power of the Spirit; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That we may set our sight on the new life that awaits all who live in hope; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader That the dead who have died in the faith of Christ may inherit the kingdom prepared for them, and that those whose faith was known to God alone may receive divine mercy; let us pray

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader In the company of all the saints, let us continue our prayers.

(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

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**

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.

Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Celebrant Greet one another in the name of Christ!

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Blessing of the Backpacks

All **Lord, we give you thanks for our schools, teachers and students. We thank you for this new school year and all the excitement and learning it will bring. Bless these backpacks and the people who carry them. We ask that they be guided by your love at school and at home. May they feel your loving care in everything they do, now and forever. Amen**

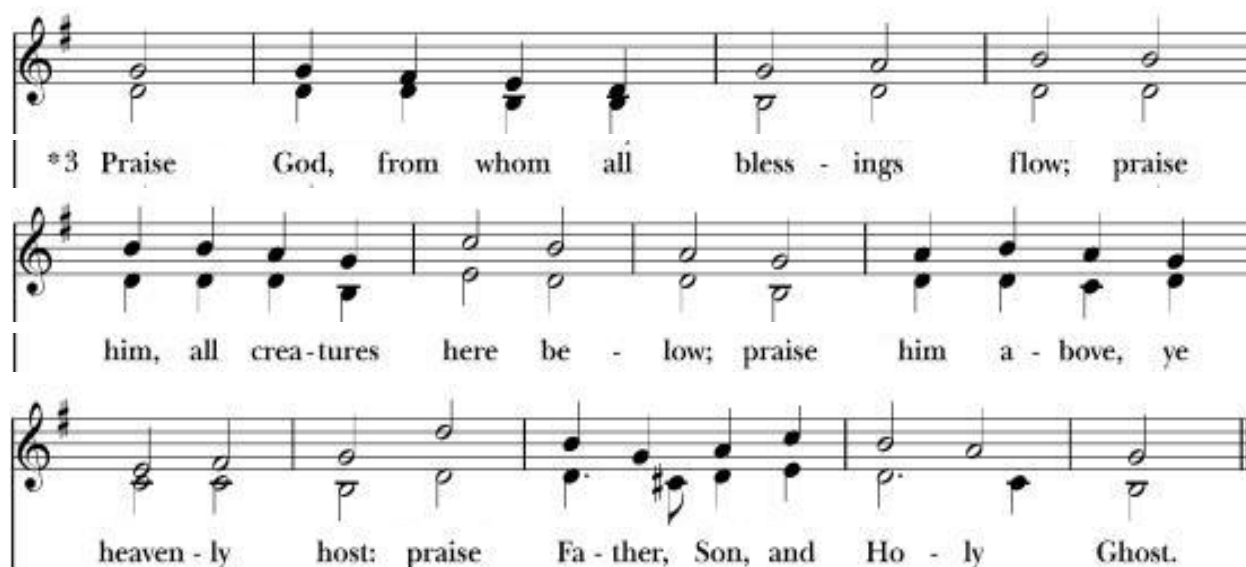
Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

Hymn 380 Stz3



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God is with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessings and thanks belong to you, promising God. You made the sands of the desert and the stars of the sky, and in Abraham and Sarah you called a people to be a great nation in whom all the families of the earth would find a blessing. In Jesus you raised up a new savior to be a blessing to all the people. In his death and resurrection, sin died and eternal life was born.

And so we give you humble thanks for your forgiveness and our new life, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

SANCTUS

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

Celebrant Faithful God, in Jesus you fulfilled all righteousness. In him you turn our duty into joy, and our sorrow in to dancing. You give us new birth through water and the Holy Spirit. Send down your Holy Spirit now, that your people may become a blessing to you and all the world, and that the bread of sustenance and the wine of celebration may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Generous God, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son; look now upon the places where your people are perishing, where they are being condemned, where they are being born under the shadow of disease and destruction and despair.

Infuse your church with Spirit and truth, walk with your beloved people as they seek security, companionship and freedom in your world, and fill your saints with the hope of eternal life, that all may come to praise your name, and every grain of sand and star in the sky be stirred with the wonders of your grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God

Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. We will come forward from the rear of the church, beginning with the choir. Please blend your rows to form one line in the center aisle. If you wish to sip the wine, please to go left. If you wish to instinct (dip) the host into the wine, please go to your right. After you receive communion, please return down the side aisle and return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing, rather than the bread or wine, please cross your arms across your chest as you approach the priest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, ask the priest when you come forward. If you need communion brought to you where you are, please tell the usher.

Communion Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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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.**

Blessing

Celebrant May God bless you with courage, as you seek the YES within you;
May Christ be born again in every risk you take for the sake of the world;
And may the Holy Spirit remind you, again and again, that you are never alone, and that you are loved beyond measure.
In the name of our Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier. **Amen**

Sending Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

Dismissal

Postlude