



An Historic Episcopal Church with a Contemporary Urban Ministry

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Prelude

"Coronet Voluntary"

Georg Berg

Opening Hymn

"When morning gilds the skies"

Hymn #427

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Celebrant may say

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.**

Kyrie

Leader Ky - ri - e

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri -

Christ - te e e - le - i - son. Christ - te e - le - i -

son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

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Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928) from *Freedom Mass*. Based on traditional African melodies.
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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.**

First Lesson

(Isaiah 55:10-13)

Reader A reading from the Prophet 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65:9-14

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

1 To bless the earth God sends us from
2 The seed by God pro - vid - ed is
3 God crowns the year with good - ness; the
4 With grain the fields are cov - ered; the

heaven's a - bun - dant store the wa - ters of the
sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gen - tle
earth God's mer - cy fills; the wil - der - ness is
flocks in pas - tures graze; all na - ture joins in

spring - time, en - rich - ing it once more.
show - ers to bless the spring - ing grain.
fruit - ful, and joy - ful are the hills.
sing - ing a joy - ful song of praise.

TEXT: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.
MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN
7.6.7.6

The Second Lesson

(Romans 8:1-11)

Reader A reading from the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymn #440

The Gospel

(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

Deacon 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.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

Authorized text from Enriching our Worship 2

**Asterisks indicate a variance from the Book of Common Prayer.*

**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,
*was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
*and became truly human.

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,**
*who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
*who 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 – Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Matthew, our diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; for Donald, the President of the United States; Tony the Governor of Wisconsin; Cory, the Mayor of Racine; and all those running for office.

Pray for justice and peace.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, [especially_____]; for] the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Lunch.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____],

Pray for those who have died.

Christ, have mercy.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives [especially _____].

Pray for God's blessing on all people.

Christ, have mercy.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored; for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the Saints.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept for reflection.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:14

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Offertory Voluntary

“Aria”

Emma Lou Diemer

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant *People*

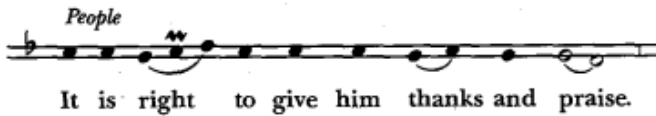
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

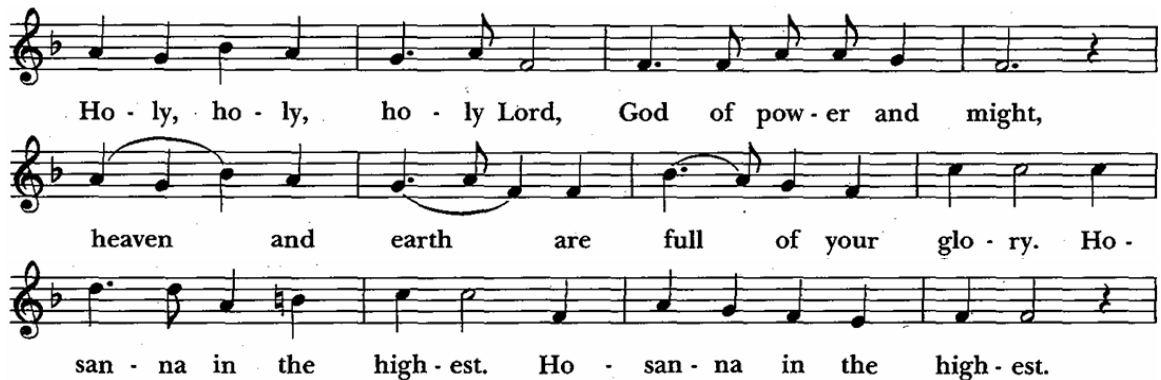
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

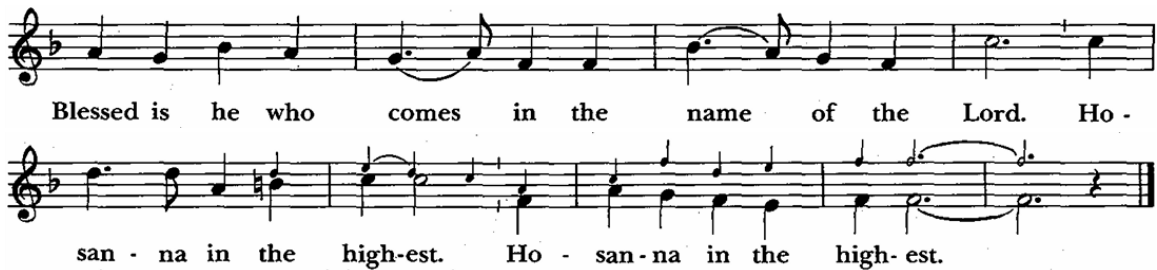
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus





Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.

Communion Hymn

“Surely it is God who saves me”

Hymn #679

Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”

Hymn #302

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Fugue in G major”

attributed to J.S. Bach

If you are visiting St. Luke’s, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke’s Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY’S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Zar Telfeyan

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost

FIRST READER: Mick Burke

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Hazel Dickfoss

CANTOR: Jim Cook

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Cindy Ganzel

USHERS: Mike Dillon, Becky Turk

COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For the Church: In the World

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

St. Marc’s Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine
Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin
Hospitality Center
Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center
Brown Bag Ministry

Those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Ron, Gerald, Jean, Olivia, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, Elizabeth,
George, Gregory, Andrea, John, Marcos, Tory, Irene, Lois, Ron, Ramon, Marvin, Bob, David
Rogelio, Antonio **Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

Thanksgiving for Birthday

Sophie, Mabel

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the **Haiti Project** Thank you for your generous support for this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Darice Griffin to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Mildred, grandmother Mable, and great-grandmother Mary.

Milwaukee Milkmen Game

On August 14 at 5:30pm, the Lakeshore Region will do an outing to a Milwaukee Milkmen game. Entry is paid for by the region. If you want a dinner of a Hamburger/Hotdog, chips and a drink, it will be \$5 per person. We are limited to a party of 59, so sign up early. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, July 26. You can sign up at a link in an email from the office or scan the QR. I hope to see you all there!



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