

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ORDER OF WORSHIP



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

July 12, 2026
10:00 a.m.

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Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)*

Live God's Love

Liturgical Note

As you may know, the Revised Common Lectionary dictates our Scripture readings each Sunday on a three-year cycle. We have shared this common set of readings with other mainline Christian denominations since the early 1980s.

During the season of Pentecost, we have a choice of readings for the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) lessons and the related Psalms. For this year, we have chosen the Hebrew Bible readings in the order in which they appear in the Scriptures, rather than reading them thematically. This means that between now and the end of Pentecost in November, we are reading stories about Abraham and Sarah and their descendants, Moses and the Exodus, and Joshua and the Promised Land.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D major

Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

The Word of God

References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. References to The Hymnal 1982 are to the blue hymnal in your pew rack. Families may find materials for children behind the right lectern and near the font to the left of the pulpit.

HYMN

O day of radiant gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein
#48 *The Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

GLORIA S280

Robert Powell

S page numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND LESSON – Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Walden

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground #589 *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

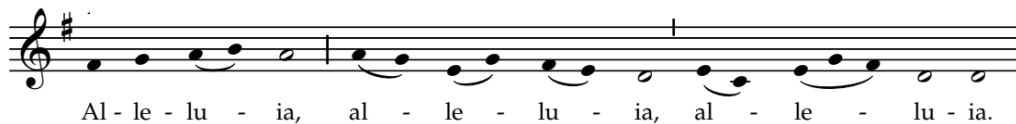
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell 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.”

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

ALLELUIA VERSE



Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

Psalms 119: 105

SERMON – The Reverend Canon Anna Russell Friedman
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

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...and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Bill Buchanan, cousin of Brian Buchanan, and to George Johnson, son of David and Grace Johnson, and to all 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.

Look graciously on your Church and pour out your Holy Spirit upon all who are participating in the process of choosing a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful and wise pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries and the flourishing of your Church.
May we remember that Jesus Christ is the shepherd and bishop of our souls.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant closes in prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed or scan the QR code with your phone to give online.

ANTHEM

Author of life divine

Malcolm Archer
(b. 1952)

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread,
preserve the life thyself hast given,
and feed and train us up for heaven.

Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love,
till all thy life we gain, and all thy fullness prove,
and strengthened by thy perfect grace,
behold without a veil thy face.

Charles Wesley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A, with congregational responses*)
Please turn to page 361 in your Book of Common Prayer to follow along. Please stand.

Proper Preface (BCP, p. 379)

Sanctus S 129 *S page numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.* Robert Powell

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (BCP, p. 364)

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover S 154 *S page numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.* David Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation (BCP, p. 364)
Please be seated.

THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED

*All baptized Christians (including children) are invited to take the Bread and the Wine. **Please fill the communion railing from the center to the outside.** You may kneel or stand.*

If you wish to receive the Sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from one of the priests instead of the Bread and Wine. Let us know if you need a low-gluten wafer when you are at the communion railing.

If you wish to receive Healing Prayer, please proceed to the Chapel after receiving Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

Words from the Sarum Primer

HYMN O heiliger Geist
#505 The Hymnal 1982

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (*as scheduled, please stand*)

We share the consecrated bread and wine from our worship today with those who are unable to attend in person.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth 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 share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank
#530 *The Hymnal 1982*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in G

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of his father, Francisco Morales Galindo, by Davie Morales-Miranda, Ed.D.

PRAYERS

We pray for our parishioners, especially Benjamin, Everett, Jojo, Jose, Jim, Jan, Susan, Katherine, Erin, Peggy, Melanie, Frances, Rees, Stacey, Mimi, Roger, Richard, Jerry, Betsy, Bobby, Shona and Taylor.

We pray for the families and friends of parishioners, especially Rob, Darci, Cathy, Rusty, Charlie, Alyssa, Glynn, Michael, Jo, Liam, Ginny, Danny, Kenneth, Laura, Sophia Rose, Tee, Betty, Craig, Dana, Heather, Josh, Nichole, and Staci.

We pray for those who have died, especially Bill Buchanan, cousin of Brian Buchanan, and for George Johnson, son of David and Grace Johnson.

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CELEBRANT

The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

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The Reverend Canon Anna Russell Friedman,
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The Reverend Deacon Mary McCarthy,
Pastoral Care Coordinator

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