



St. George's
Episcopal
Church

Children's Bulletin

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026



The Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
July 5, 2026

From the Book of Common Prayer
(BCP) and *The Sunday Paper*:
Lectionary Cartoons

Prelude

Opening Hymn: "Thou, whose almighty word"
Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind,
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

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

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: "Praise to God"

**Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.**

The Word of God

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (Prayer) of the Day

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.**

The First Reading

A reading from The Book of Genesis

Genesis 25:19-34 *New Revised Standard Version*

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; the 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. Afterward 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 skillful 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GENESIS 25:19

(God chooses some of Abraham's descendants to be the ancestors of his people Israel)



The Psalm (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.



Sequence Hymn: "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;

such a way as gives us breath;

such a truth as ends all strife:

such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;

such a light as shows a feast;

such a feast as mends in length;

such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move;

such a love as none can part;

such a heart as joys in love.



The Gospel Reading (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

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

People: Glory to you, O 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."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Some of the seeds fell on the hard path. They could not grow, and birds ate them up.



Some landed where it was rocky. Their roots could not find water, so they died.



Some landed among thorny weeds. The weeds grew faster, and the young plants died.



Some landed on good deep soil. They grew, and made a big harvest!





The Nicene Creed

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sarah, Mark, Gayle, and Mark our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in Christ's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our Ruler;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you

Almighty God, Mother and Father of us all, we offer our prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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.

A special "peace" candle is lit and this prayer is offered
Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All are now invited to exchange a sign of peace.



The Offertory and Announcements

Offertory Hymn: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Alleluia, alleluia**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Alleluia, alleluia!**

Refrain

The Presentation

Presentation Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**If we love one another, God remains in us
and Love is brought to perfection in us.**

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.



The Celebrant says

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The Celebrant proceeds using a Proper Preface Of God the Son Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

The Celebrant continues

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

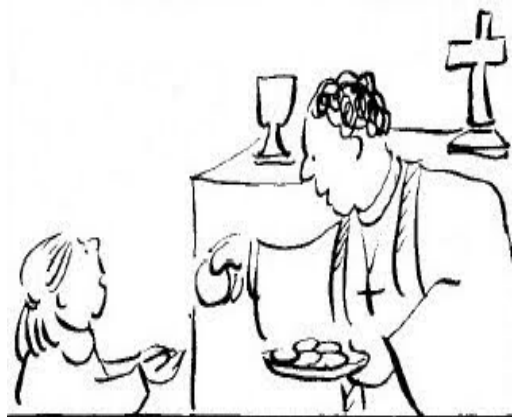
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Grant that we who share
these gifts may be filled
with the Holy Spirit and
live as Christ's Body in the
world.**

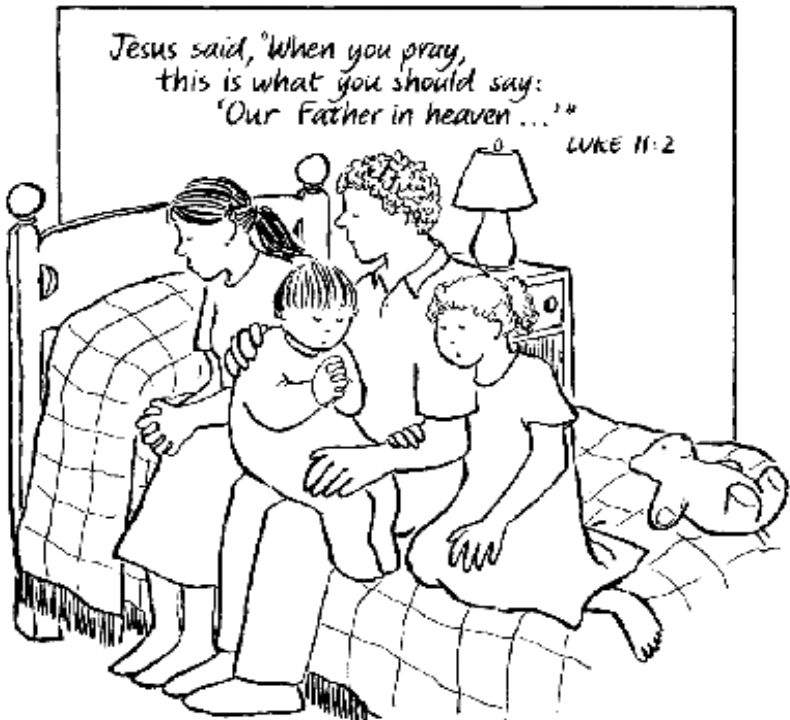


Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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

Fraction Anthem

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



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: 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.*

All children are welcome to participate in Communion.

Communion Hymn: "O wheat whose crushing was for bread"

O Wheat, whose crushing was for bread,
O bread whose breaking is for life,
O life, your seeming end is seed,
a seed for wheat, our bread and life.

O fruit whose crushing was for wine,
O wine whose flowing is for blood,
O blood, your pouring out is life,
Our life in you, O fruitful vine.

O life whose crushing is for love,
O love whose spending was to death,
O death, your mourning is our joy,
Full joy and birth to lasting life.



Music During Communion:

"O Lord, hear my prayer"

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O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,

Come and listen to me.

The Prayer After Communion

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.



Closing Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory"

**God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

The Dismissal

**Celebrant: Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord**

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Jesus said, "God's Kingdom is like this farmer planting seeds." People who listen to Jesus are like good, deep soil where God's Kingdom can grow, full of love and new life.



Draw yourself in the picture. Talk about the Bible verse. What do you think it means?



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Performing
"The Lost Boy:
Young Jesus in the Temple"
Musical

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Community service, leadership, and fun!

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