



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
JULY 9, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Fantasia in G minor BWV 542

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSION HYMN 414: God my King, Thy Might Confessing

STUTTGART

The service begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE GLORIA: Hymnal S280 (*Found in the front section of the blue book*)
Sung by the congregation.

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 24:34-38; 42-49, 58-67

The servant said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son." 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from^{*} Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk^{*} in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-18 *Read by the congregation*

- 8 The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.
- 9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
- 11 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
- 13 The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 530: Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

GOTT SEI DANK

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *Standing as able.*

Before the Gospel, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things

have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *BCP 358 Standing as able.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Lord, gracious and full of compassion, in whom we find rest for our souls.

Keep your Church strong in the law of Christ, resisting the temptation to accept false values. May your people, in every generation, be truly the children of wisdom. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give rest to those who lead our nation, and to Cathleen, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Have compassion upon our world; upholding those who fall, lifting those who are bowed down. Guide into the right way all who desire good, but give way to evil. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Be ever-present with the people and clergy of this congregation as well as Cathedral of St. John in the Wilderness, Denver, Colorado; and in the Diocese of Kansas, NourishKC and Breakthrough Episcopal Social Services. Help us to discern and follow the right way in all our relationships. May the knowledge of your truth be always known in our community and make us agents of your love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those whose lives are weary and whose burdens are heavy. We remember especially Mick, Debbie, Pat, Arceile, Bob Sommers, Vivian, Cindy, Bruce and Anita. May each come to know the freedom of trust in Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember with flowers James deBeveris Kaye, Channing Brown, Paul Bell, Ernest Dibble, Henry Goss and Rose Pierce, for their struggle with sin is finished, and give thanks that you receive them into your kingdom, with eternal rest for their souls. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP 360 (Red Book)

THE PEACE *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens . . . for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
The Cathedral Choir

William Mathias (1934-92)

Lift up your head, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your head, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367 (Red Book) *Standing as able.*

The Sanctus (S125)

Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Fraction Anthem (S163)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion is available at the altar rail (bread / intinction / drinking from cup) or at the crossing (bread or intinction only). To receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake.

After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 692: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

THE THIRD TUNE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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

PROCESSION HYMN 544: Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in G minor BWV 542

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant/Preacher: The Reverend Casey Rohleder

Assisting: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Deacon: The Reverend Don Chubb

Vergers: Kent Wingerson, George Webb

Ushers: Team 1, Norm Nellis, *Capt.*

Acolytes: Team 1, Josiah Todwong, *Capt.*

Organist: Dr. Donald Livingston

Eucharistic Ministers: Kitty Fapp,
Lynne Horne, Ruth Ellen Saiya

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Lector: Rick Backlund

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Altar Guild: Group A, Nancy Perry, *Capt.*

Sound/Lights: Jim Edmonston

Livestream: Connie Vosburgh

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive tomorrow! If you signed up to donate, the Blood Drive will be held tomorrow in All Saints Hall.

July Senior Saints luncheon, Wednesday, July 12: Join us for social time at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at 11:30 in All Saints Hall. Canon Jody Carroll will be the guest speaker. There's a sign-up sheet on the west side table in the Cathedral. A free-will offering is appreciated for the lunch.

Morning Prayer to be offered twice a week: The Reverend Kay Dagg will be leading a brief service of Morning Prayer at 9 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday mornings, beginning July 13 in St. Mary's Chapel. All are welcome.

Education for Ministry (EfM): Grace Cathedral will once again offer EfM beginning this fall, taught by Arceile Ridgeway.

The time has come for finding out who is interested. Please call or text Arceile Ridgeway (785-230-4272) with any questions or Google "EfM, Sewanee" to learn more about this course.

Introduction to Centering Prayer, Saturday, August 5, noon-4 p.m., Robyn Room

Have you wondered how you could grow in having a closer relationship with God? Have you wondered if there was something more that could help you grow in this way of prayer? Centering Prayer is of the early Christian way of prayer that was lost, but is slowly and gently returning as a way for those seeking God to find their way home. This prayer helps discover the action of God in one's life.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Highberger, 785-633-7764, or sharonhighb2@icloud.com.

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, at five minutes before worship begins, or just before the prelude, a bell will ring. This is the signal to refrain from conversation so that you and others may prepare for worship through prayer, meditation and thoughtful silence.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book Hymnal = blue book

We'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Sound equipment for the hearing-impaired is available. Inquire with an usher.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the west. Next to the nursery you will find a family restroom with a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available today, down the hallway to your right. You can ask an usher to assist you.

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