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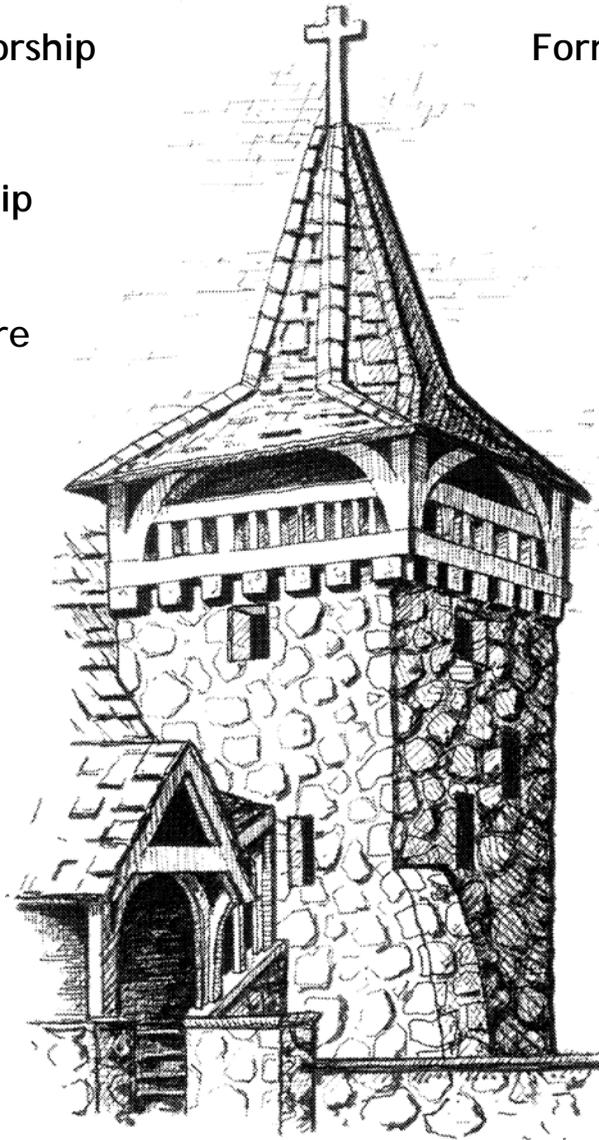
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*Our Vision: We serve Christ today,  
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 or in the green hymnal supplement Wonder, Love and Praise.*

Voluntary:

*The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing*

**The Processional Hymn No. 718**

NATIONAL HYMN

## The Word of God

**Prayer Book page # 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.**

*The hymn is sung, all standing* **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (*Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-280"*)

**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.**

## The Collect of the Day

**Prayer Book page # 230**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## The Lessons

**Prayer Book page # 357**

*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

## A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (5:1-14)

The Gradual Psalm 30 Exaltabo te, Domine

Prayer Book page # 621

The congregation will sing the psalm using simplified Anglican chant.



- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me **up** \* and have not let my enemies triumph over **me**.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to **you**, \* and you restored me to **health**.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the **dead**; \* you restored my life as I was going down to the **grave**.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of **his**; \* give thanks for the remembrance of his **holiness**.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an **eye**, \* his favor for a **lifetime**.
- 6 Weeping may spend the **night**, \* but joy comes in the **morning**.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be dis-**turbed**. \*  
    You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the **mountains**."
- 8 Then you hid your **face**, \* and I was filled with **fear**.
- 9 I cried to you, O **Lord**; \* I pleaded with the Lord, **saying**,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the **Pit**? \*  
    will the dust praise you or declare your **faithfulness**?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon **me**; \* O Lord, be my **helper**."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into **dancing**; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with **joy**.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without **ceasing**; \* O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for **ever**.

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (6:1-16)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 717

AMERICA

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (10:1-11, 16-20)**

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

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Joshua McGuffie

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

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 Litany of Thanksgiving for National Life is led today by deacon. The deacon and People pray responsively.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.

They restore us, though we often destroy them.

***Heal us.***

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

***Forgive us.***

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

***Inspire us.***

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

***Enlighten us.***

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

***Renew us.***

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun.

Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. ***Amen.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown, things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

# The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, the following will be sung:*

I Vow to Thee my Country

Gustav Holst

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following*

**The Offertory Hymn No. 716**

AMERICA

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

Prayer Book page # 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a proper preface is sung.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People* (*Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125"*)

**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 people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: (*Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135"*)

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-119")*

**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

Prayer Book page # 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-152")*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [Alleluia.]

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung*

**Antiphon:** *Cantor, then all*

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger,  
And who ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst;

Cantor: Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me to your holy hill;

**Antiphon**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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

*All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Palm Sunday marked the return to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. (Please keep in mind that our chalices are made of precious metals which have an anti-microbial quality. Also, we use sacramental wine which is higher in alcohol content. After each person receives, the chalice is turned and wiped with the linen called a purificator.) A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruet. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.**  
(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

*During the Communion, this anthem may be sung*

Give me your tired, your poor

Irving Berlin

*After Communion, the people stand and sing*

**Hymn No. 321**

ROCKINGHAM

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Prayer Book page # 365**

**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 people then stand and sing*

**The Final Hymn No. 719**

MATERNA

*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.*

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

The Voluntary:

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary. Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.*

☩. An angel of the LORD spoke to Mary,    ℟. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Greetings, gracious Mary; the LORD is with you: you are a favored woman, and favored is your son, Jesus.\* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the time of our death.

☩. See the handmaid of the LORD.    ℟. May it be done to me according to your word.

Greetings, gracious Mary; ....

☩. And the Word was made flesh.   ℟. And dwelt among us.

Greetings, gracious Mary; .....

☩. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.   ℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O LORD, you made known to us the incarnation of your Son, the Christ, by the message of an angel: pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*The Altar flowers are donated by Rick Herron in memory of his mother – Lois Herron.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is given by Roger Keith in memory of Abbe Keith’s birthday.*

*Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour following both services.*

# Announcements for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

**ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN** – There are toys in the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction, and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5<sup>st</sup> at Paco's Mexican Restaurant - 200 E. Foothill Avenue, Arcadia - 626-357-7270. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at [ray@madre.net](mailto:ray@madre.net) or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

**THE MEN'S GROUP MONTHLY LUNCHEON** will meet at noon, Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Only Place in Town. Please RSVP to Fr. Michael.

**BETWEEN THE MASSES** - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person today in the Parish Hall. The group meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

**WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST:** Sunday, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursday, 8:15a.m.

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018)

**7/4 – Independence Day** 7/6 – **Eva Lee Matthews** (*Monastic 1928*) 7/8 – **Priscilla and Aquila** (*Co-workers of the Apostle Paul*)

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski  
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

*Director of Music and Organist:* Mr. Robert Williamson; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;  
*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Cameron Cox; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson

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