

# CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

*Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Adagio, from Third Symphony

*Louis Vierne*

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

HYMN 410: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*Lauda Anima*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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 IN EXCELSIS: Hymnal S 277

*David Hurd*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

**T**HE LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will

forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138 (sung by all)

*Robert Knox Kennedy*



- 1 I will give thanks to you O Lord with my whole | heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your | praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your | Name, \*  
because of your love and | faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your | Name \*  
and your word above all | things.
- 4 When I called you answered | me; \*  
you increased my strength withlin me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you O | Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your | mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the | Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the | Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high he cares for the | lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble you keep me | safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall | save me.
- (2nd part) 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for | me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your | hands.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:6-15

**A**s you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

HYMN 665: All my hope on God is founded

*Michael*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ESUS was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a

scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Vincent Connery

## THE NICENE CREED

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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, Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The Priest adds the prayers of the community.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*The Priest may add thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**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.

*The Priest may add petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(please kneel)*

**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 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 *(please stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ye People, Rend Your Hearts, from Elijah *Felix Mendelssohn*

Ye people rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments.  
For your transgressions the prophet Elijah has sealed the heavens,  
Through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols;  
Return to God, for He is slow to anger and merciful and kind and gracious,  
and repenteth Him of the evil.

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,  
That I might even come before His presence.

*Please stand as the Celebrant approaches the altar.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*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 God thanks and praise.

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:

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

# MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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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.**

*The Celebrant continues...*

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. **AMEN.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## *Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:*

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS:

When I Was Sinkin' Down

*arr. Carl Haywood*

When I was sinkin' down, oh my soul, oh my soul,  
When I was sinkin' down, oh my soul.  
When I was sinkin' down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Chris' laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul.  
Chris' laid aside His crown for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, oh my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, oh my soul.  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of Bliss,  
To send His precious peace to my soul, to my soul,  
To send His precious peace to my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Spirit of God

*Donal Hustad*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart:  
Wean it from sin, through all its pulses moves  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee, love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies,  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heav'n descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.



## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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*Celebrant* Let us pray. (*please stand or kneel*)

*People* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

HYMN 690: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

## THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chant héroïque

*Jean Langlais*

## MUSIC NOTES

Music notes: Today we welcome organist Dr. Carl Haywood and vocalist DeVonté Saunders who are leading our worship today while our Choir and Pilgrims are in England. We thank them for their gifts of beautiful and inspiring music in our worship. Today the Choir sings their final services at Canterbury Cathedral and tomorrow they move to London to begin their week-long residency at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Our guest soloist today is DeVonté Saunders, tenor, who studied at Virginia Commonwealth University and was featured in the debut of *Loving Versus Virginia* by acclaimed composer Damien Geter with the Virginia Opera. At the Offertory, he sings the well-known aria "If With All Your Hearts" from Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*, based on the depiction of Elijah in 1 Kings 18. In a recitative, Obadiah urges the Israelites to "return to God," and the reflective aria that follows provides ample opportunities for beautiful vocal sonorities and expression. With words by George Croly and music by Donald Hustad, DeVonté renders "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart," whose words appear in *The Hymnal*, at Communion. "When I Was Sinking Down" is a well-known American folk song that appears in a hymnal as early as 1835. Carl Haywood arranged this setting for tenor voice and organ, especially for this service and this tenor.

## WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

*If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

**All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:** Dawson Chambers, Avalon Cuthrell, Valerie Harrington, Tom Jenkins, Ena Kirkpatrick, Arthur Menoche, Lucile Palmer, Debra Quitter, Tobin Palmer, Mavis Stapleford, Anne Traylor, and Marie Ward. We pray for all who are deployed, especially Jonathan Halbach and Michael Ortiz. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and surrounding area and for all who are suffering there.

**Those who ask for our continuing prayers:** LeeAnn Avery, Carter Bernert, David Black, Dwight Buchholz, Bridget Dolan, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Sam Hedgecock, Frank Kirchner, Ray Landon, Wayne Lundie, Jack Mace, Ceil McCoid, Mary Helen McCoy, Elmer Morales-Torres, Leon Parham, Sam Roady, Allen Shaffer, William Swan, Jake Tobin, George Vick, and Andre Williams.

**Our loved ones needing continuing prayers:** Ron Baldrige, Ellen Coffman, Jonathan Glaser, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Henley Lanphere, Wesley Lupo, Charlotte Melcher Marett, Jim Moore, Shawn Morlock, Shirlee Palmer, Jason Primm, Auris Torres, Autumn Vandehei, and Alton Wallace.

**This week's Birthdays: July 28 – Aug. 3**

John Burnham, Virginia S. Darden, Tom Enright, Scott Kennedy, Ann Prince, Bobby Smith, and Bob White.

**This week's Anniversaries: July 28 – August 3**

Gray & Wiley Grandy, Michelle & Steve Prescott.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**July 20 – August 3**

While the choir is away and several staff on summer vacation, we will not be printing the parish announcements in the Sunday bulletins. You are invited to read the CSL weekly announcements online and you will continue to receive our Friday emails highlighting any upcoming events and opportunities. Your patience is much appreciated during this break.





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**WORSHIP SERVICES AND FORMATION**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum & Children's Formation  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)  
Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

The Reverend Noah Van Niel, Rector  
The Reverend Jared Grant, Associate Rector  
The Reverend Vince Connery, Assisting Priest  
Kevin Kwan, Organist & Director of Music  
Marjorie Setnicky, Associate Organist  
Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry  
Judie Belka, Director of Parish Operations  
Stephen Ipock, Facilities Manager  
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