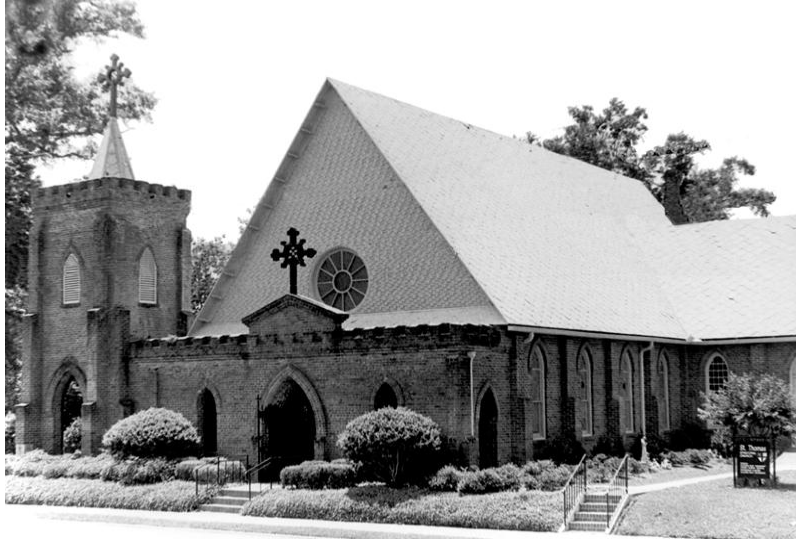


**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 7th, 2026 11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer*, H – *The Hymnal 1982*  
S – *Service Music in The Hymnal*, A – *Alleluia III Songbook*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

*Dr. Elizabeth French*

### The Opening Hymn

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

H 518

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city, dearly loved and God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Here the vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain, and here-after in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.*

### The Opening Sentences

BCP 355

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

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

### Song of Praise

*(Gloria in Excelsis)*

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name

great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So, he built there an altar to the Lord, who appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People            Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 33:1-12**

BCP 626

*Officiant and People*

- <sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord you righteous; \*  
    it is good for the just to sing praises.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
    play with him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- <sup>3</sup> Sing for him a new song; \*  
    sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
    and all his works are sure.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
    the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*  
    by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- <sup>7</sup> He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
    and stores up the depths of the sea.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
    let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- <sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
    he commanded, and it stood fast.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
    he thwarts the design of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup> But the Lord’s will stands fast for ever, \*  
    and the design of his heart from age to age.
- <sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
    happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

### **Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there

violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gave life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

### Sequence Hymn

*Blessed Jesus at thy word*

H 440

*Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.*

*All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded; thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.*

*Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit pleading. Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.*

**Gospel**            **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**Celebrant**        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him, and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,

for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Linda Suzanne Borgen

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together*

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**

BCP 392

*The leaders and people pray responsively*

In Peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

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

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

For [N. our presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

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 blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgiving*

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.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own 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.

*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.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## Confession of Sin

*All say together*

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.

## Absolution

BCP 360

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.

## The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*The Priest says* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to Almighty God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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### Offertory Anthem

*Dr. Elizabeth French*

### Doxology

H 380, v 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creature here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

**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 him thanks and praise.*

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand 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:

*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 forever. *AMEN.*

**Sanctus**

S 125

**Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*Celebrant and People*

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**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

**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.

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.*]

## **The Ministration of Communion**

### **Communion Hymns**

Choir and Congregation

#### ***Come, risen Lord***

**H 305**

*Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself at thine own board make manifest in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.*

*We meet, as in that upper room they met; thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand; "This is my Body"; so, thou givest yet; faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.*

*One body we, one Body who partake, one Church united in communion blest; one Name we bear. One Bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.*

*One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who are one Savior and one living Head; then open thou our eyes, that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the Bread.*

#### ***Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face***

**H 318**

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; and here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.*

*Here would I feed upon the Bread of God; here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

*I have no help but thine; nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon; it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.*

*Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.*

### **Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitor**

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation and our Lord Jesus Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People For we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant blesses the congregation saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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

*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### **Dismissal**

BCP 366

### **Recessional Hymn**

*Tell out my soul*

H 438

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.*

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

*Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forever more!*

### **Postlude**

*Dr. Elizabeth French*