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# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

## Morning Prayer: Rite Two

**Prelude**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach

**372 Hymn**

***Praise to the living God!*** (verses 1, 4)

Leoni

**1 Praise to the living God!**  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
for ay the same.  
The one eternal God  
ere aught that now appears:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought  
his timeless years!

**4 Eternal life hath he**  
implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay  
while ages roll.  
**Praise to the living God!**  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
for aye the same.

### **Opening sentence**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

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### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

## S 37 The Venite



- 1 Come, let us <sup>1</sup>sing to the <sup>1</sup>Lord; \*
- let us shout for joy to the <sup>1</sup>Rock of <sup>1</sup>our sal<sup>1</sup>vation.
- 2 Let us come before his <sup>1</sup>presence with thanks<sup>1</sup>giving \*
- and raise a loud<sup>1</sup> shout to <sup>1</sup>him with <sup>1</sup>psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a <sup>1</sup>gr<sup>1</sup>eat <sup>1</sup>God, \*
- and a great <sup>1</sup>King a<sup>1</sup>bove all <sup>1</sup>gods.
- 4 In his hand are the <sup>1</sup>caverns of the <sup>1</sup>earth, \*
- and the heights of the <sup>1</sup>hills are <sup>1</sup>his <sup>1</sup>also.
- 5 The sea is <sup>1</sup>his, for he <sup>1</sup>made it, \*
- and his hands have <sup>1</sup>molded the <sup>1</sup>d<sup>1</sup>ry <sup>1</sup>land. [Ant.]
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and <sup>1</sup>bend the <sup>1</sup>knee, \*
- and <sup>1</sup>kneel before the <sup>1</sup>Lord our <sup>1</sup>Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
- and we are the people of his pasture and the <sup>1</sup>sheep of his <sup>1</sup>hand. \*
- Oh, that to <sup>1</sup>day you would <sup>1</sup>hearken to his <sup>1</sup>voice! [Ant.]

*Venite ends here.*

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

## Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23



- <sup>1</sup> LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a far.
- <sup>2</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>3</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- <sup>4</sup> You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- <sup>6</sup> Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- <sup>7</sup> If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- <sup>8</sup> If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- <sup>9</sup> Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- <sup>10</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- <sup>11</sup> Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- <sup>22</sup> Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- <sup>23</sup> Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is ever lasting.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A-men.

## The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### **S280 Canticle 20 Glory to God**

Powell

**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 Second Lesson**

**Romans 8:12-25**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## S 43 Be Joyful In The Lord



- 1 Be joyful in the<sup>1</sup>Lord, all you<sup>1</sup>lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his<sup>1</sup>presence<sup>1</sup>with a<sup>1</sup>song. [Ant.]
- 2 Know this: The Lord him<sup>1</sup>self is<sup>1</sup>God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his<sup>1</sup>people and the<sup>1</sup>sheep of his<sup>1</sup>pasture. [Ant.]
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his<sup>1</sup>courts with<sup>1</sup>praise; \*  
give thanks to<sup>1</sup>him and<sup>1</sup>call upon his<sup>1</sup>Name. [Ant.]
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is<sup>1</sup>ever<sup>1</sup>lasting; \*  
and his faithfulness en<sup>1</sup>dures from<sup>1</sup>age to<sup>1</sup>age. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Holy<sup>1</sup>Spirit:  
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is<sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>will be for<sup>1</sup>ever. A<sup>1</sup>men. [Ant.]

## The Gospel

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds



appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

**A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

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O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

**Hymn 589 *Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground***

Walden

**1 Almighty God, your word is cast  
like seed upon the ground,  
now let the dew of heaven descend,  
and righteous fruits abound.**

**2 Let not our selfishness and hate  
this holy seed remove,**

but give it root in every heart  
to bring forth fruits of love.

**3 Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy,  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.**

For the Human Family

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O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Sick

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Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants **Katherine Ward, Ashley Burnett, Jeanine Wilson, Al Cowand, Randy Tyler, Ben Procter, Joan Leggett, Kay Barnacascel, Becky Godwin, John Tolbert, Coley McCally, Karen Gudiksen, Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Libby Smith, Marian Watts, Lena Evans, Charles Taylor Spruill, Larry Watson, Julia Credle, Joey Ezelle, Racheal Coward, Peggy Parker, Karol McLaughlen, Sylvia Dawson, David Dunn, Elsie Benson, Hunter Stone, Brian Stone, Riley Raines, Jack Cooper, Barbara Ward, those who are suffering from COVID-19, and others known to us,** and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Doctors and Nurses

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Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God**

*(an Episcopal-Lutheran prayer for Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September)*

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a

people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

***The General Thanksgiving***

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*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

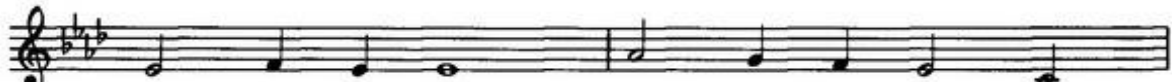
*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

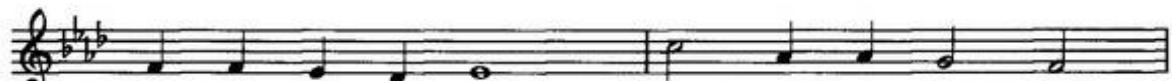
**Hymn 541**

***Come, labor on***

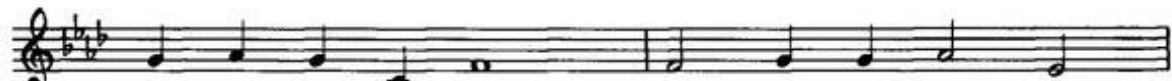
Ora Labora




1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeblest a - gents  
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.  
 Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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Mark your calendars. At 3:00 PM on the afternoons **of Sunday August 9th and 23rd**, the Diocesan Commission for Racial Healing invites all members of our diocese to participate in a film-based discussion. We will meet by Zoom as we begin to explore what our faith has to say to the current and historic issues surrounding race in our common lives. Details to follow.