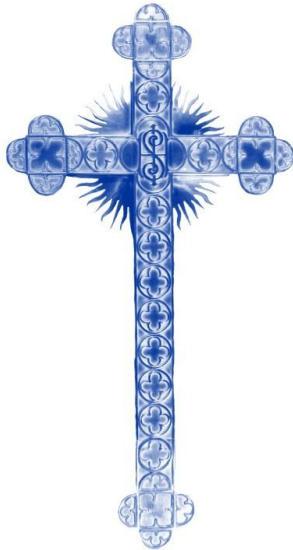


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

July 12, 2026 ✦ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 1

Father, we praise thee

Christe sanctorum

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-278*

Glory to God

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 65: 9-14
Te decet hymnus

S 411

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very **plenteous**; *
the river of God is full of **water**.
- 10 You prepare the **grain**, *
for so you provide for the **earth**.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the **ridges**; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its **increase**.
- 12 You crown the year with your **goodness**, *
and your paths overflow with **plenty**.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for **grazing**, *
and the hills be clothed with **joy**.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with **grain**; *
let them shout for joy and **sing**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 440 (vv.1-2)

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn # 440 (v.3)

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

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The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend;

1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
4. And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Hymn # 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.

People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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