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Vision: "God loves everyone in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit."

Mission: "The church on the hill, providing a spiritual home for people to grow in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and share this faith with the community and the world."



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:
Celebrating Independence Day
(Year B, Proper 9, Tract 2)
July 7, 2024**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude: *“American Patrol”*

Processional Hymn: *“America the Beautiful”*

Hymnal, #719

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country love and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

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

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

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desire 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.*

Hymn of Praise: *“Thank God for the Flag”*

Words and Music by Stephen Nye, 2012

Our hearts are grateful every time we see it wave
Above the land of the free and the home of the brave.

With our hands upon our hearts, we will honor it each day.
Thank God for the flag, and for the USA.

*So let it fly. Let it take the sky.
Let the red and white and blue bring hope to you.
And every day, lift up your voice and pray:
Thank God for the flag, and for the USA. (Repeat)*

Let it fly. Let it take the sky. Thank God and pray:
Thank God for the flag, and for the USA.

Let the red, white and blue bring hope to you. Thank God and pray:

**Thank God for the flag, and for the USA.
Thank God for the flag, and for the USA.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Collect: *(said by all)* **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 First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123: *Levavi oculos*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted

to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Hymnal, #717

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Paul Spurlock
The Nicene Creed (said by all)

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 II

Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence (*Offer your own prayers, silently or aloud. Repeat after each silence*)

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. **Silence**

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. **Silence**

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. **Silence**

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. **Silence**

(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud...)

Reader: I ask your prayers for _____ **Silence**

Reader: I ask your thanksgivings for _____ **Silence**

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Silence**

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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.

Priest 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 *(all stand)*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem

The Doxology

Hymnal #380 vs 3

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP, page369)

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S128

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

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.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. 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.

Celebrant 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.

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

Sung together, Celebrant and people (Malotte)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 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.

Communion Hymn: *“Let There be Peace on Earth”*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my family in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(Said by All)*

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.

Celebrant 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *“The National Anthem”*

Hymnal, #720

O say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare; the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PATRIOTIC MEDLEY

“THIS IS MY COUNTRY” *Lyrics by Don Raye ; music by Al Jacobs*

This is my country! Land of my birth! This is my country! Grandest on earth!
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold.
For this is my country, to have and to hold.

This is my country! Land of my choice! This is my country! Hear my proud voice!
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold.
For this is my country, to have and to hold.

“O COLUMBIA, THE GEM OF THE OCEAN”

O Columbia, the gem of the ocean, the home of the brave and the free!
The shrine of each patriot's devotion, a world offers homage to thee.
Thy mandates make heroes assemble when Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble, when borne by the red, white, and blue!
When borne by the red, white, and blue! When borne by the red, white, and blue!
Thy banners make tyranny tremble, when borne by the red, white, and blue!

“THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND” *Words and music by Woody Guthrie*

This land is your land. This land is my land,
From California to the New York island;
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.
I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding:
This land was made for you and me.
This land is your land. This land is my land
From California to the New York island;
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me.

“GOD BLESS AMERICA” *Words and music by Irving Berlin*

God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam;
God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

Prayers

"Heavenly Father, I come before you with a heavy heart, seeking hope and strength in times of uncertainty. Help me to trust in your plan and find peace in your presence. Fill us with hope and courage to face each day with faith and perseverance. Amen."

Joe Sadar, Kathleen Reeves, Donna Travis, Jay Dewey, Richard & Ruth Mastroni, Preston Lewis and his mother Wanda Lewis, Terry Burns, Crystal Blochler, Tom & Katie Branch, Sally Aigner, Pat Muller, Tim & Carolyn Ohlrogge, Chuck & Rose Hinton, Julia Kouris, Noel & Nina Schloegel, Jim & Donna Potter, Hank Jones, Amie & Connie Navarre, Peggy Supplee, Stephen Nye, Sophie & Diana Zakhem, Melanie Christopher, Ruth Ann Rowley-Manro, Jim & Kathy McKinna, The Hernandez family.

Serving Today

Celebrant:	Rev. Paul Spurlock	Open church:	Craig Siracusa
Close church:	Craig Siracusa	Usher:	Craig Siracusa
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Joanna Pask	Lector:	Stephen Nye
Chalice Minister:	Joanna Pask & Thyra Herrick	Audio/Visual:	Mike Fields & David Deng
Altar Guild:	Joanna Pask	Music:	Stephen Nye

Thank you all for your time and effort. You are truly appreciated!

Mark your Calendars

Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 pm Lectio Divina, in Meyer's Hall
Friday, July 12, 11:00 am St. PJ's Walking Club
Sunday, July 14, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Fr. Will Reller

Community Ministry needs for July: Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Pasta and Rice