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# *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

JULY 11, 2021 | 10.30 AM | YEAR B | RITE II



## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Presider** :: Rev. Birch Rambo  
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- THE LITURGY OF THE WORD -

The people's responses are in **bold**

PRELUDE | |

OPENING ACCLAMATION | BCP 351 | Fr. Birch

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY | BCP 355 | Fr. Birch

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS | BCP 356

*Choir / People*

**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.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** | BCP 230 | Fr. Birch

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: AMOS 7:7-15 (NRSV)** | Lector

*Reader* A Reading from Amos.

*T*his is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying,  
"Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel;  
the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,  
'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn  
your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at  
Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I  
am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me  
from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my  
people Israel.'"

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

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM 85:8-13**

| BCP 709

| Lector

*Benedixisti, Domine*

*I* will listen to what the Lord God is saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn  
their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,\*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;\*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,\*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,\*  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,\*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## SECOND LESSON: 2 EPHESIANS 1:3-14

| Lector

*Reader* A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**K**ing Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him.

But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a

platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

| Fr. Birch

*Silence.*

## THE NICENE CREED

| BCP 358

| Dcn. Lauri

**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\***

| Dcn. Lauri

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Deacon* As one people called by God, let us pray, saying: Hear us, good Lord

We say we are not prophets, Lord, nor the children of prophets; yet we are your witnesses. That we may be faithful witnesses, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

You have called us and joined us into one body, the church, to hear the cries of the world and to read the signs of our time, to speak where silence needs breaking, to comfort when terror threatens, to support where courage falters, to risk when fear controls. That you may work in us the prophet's vision and power, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

The world waits in need, O God. When peace seems within grasp, it somehow slips away. When crops in one nation flourish, famine reigns in another. When technology masters a new frontier, old problems rise to plague it. When chemicals serve our human needs, the environment suffers pollution. While medicines cure the gravest ills, diseases still destroy us. That you will help us in our need, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Help us to understand the complexity of life. Help us to learn from the forces we seek to overcome. Help us trust you. That you will bring our waiting to an end, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Eternal God, you send us on a journey, as you have sent others before us, to anoint, to heal, to comfort, to cast out demons. For each person in need this day, we pray for the gentle touch of another's caring hand. Especially we pray for those we now name.... Lavish the riches of your grace upon them, as you have promised. To you, O Healer, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

For what else shall we give thanks or pray? ....

For these things we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Creator of the world, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*\*[From: Ramshaw, G. *Intercessions for the Christian People: Prayers of the People for Cycles A, B, and C of the Roman, Episcopal, and Lutheran Lectionaries*. Pueblo.; 1988.]*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** | BCP 360 | Dcn. Lauri

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen**

**THE PEACE** | BCP 360 | Fr. Birch

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

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** | BCP 372 | Fr. Birch

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember \_\_\_\_\_.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_ ) and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we now pray,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** | BCP 364

*All*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD** | BCP 364 | Fr. Birch

*Silence.*

*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.  
*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in  
everlasting life. [**Amen**]

*After Communion*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Silence.*

*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.**

**THE BLESSING**

| Fr. Birch

*The Priest blesses the people*  
*People*      **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

| Dcn. Lauri

*The Deacon dismisses the people, to which they reply:*  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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