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Sunday, July 6, 2025
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM

SERVING TODAY

Officiating: The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe
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Lay Reader: Darien Scott
LEM: Rick Harden
Ushers: Chris and Maggie Stockwell

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE OPENING HYMN *(Please stand, as you are able.)*
"My Country, 'tis of thee"

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing; land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrim's pride, from every
mountainside let freedom ring.
2. 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.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all
the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal
tongues awake, let all that breathe partake,
let rocks their silence break, the sound
prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing; long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy
might, great God, our King.

The Word of God

THE SALUTATION

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

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

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.

Amen.

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS *(Please be seated.)*

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: *(We will read together)*

Psalms

145:1-9

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever.***
- 2 Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.***
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.***
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.***
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.***
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.***
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.***
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.***
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.***

THE EPISTLE:

Hebrews

11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and

Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. "All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA (*Please stand, as you are able.*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand, as you are able*)

**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 *(From "Prayer for the Nation" in the Book of Common Prayer.)*

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.
They restore us, though we often destroy them.
Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.
Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us,
though we often fall short of them
Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every
nation, though we have often hidden from its light.
Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have
been faithless again and again.
Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and
prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many
voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(Please stand, as you are able.)*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

"This Is My Song"

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is, here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but others hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please stand, as you are able)*

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

THE SANCTUS

***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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 for ever.

AMEN

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

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast

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.

COMMUNION HYMN #1

“Amazing Grace”

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

COMMUNION HYMN #2

"This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, joyful we adore thee"

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory,
Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God