



# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite One  
Sunday, July 27, 2025

8 a.m.

*Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.*

## Prelude

Récit de tierce en taille

Nicholas DEGRIGNY  
(1672-1703)

*The Officiant says*

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

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

Officiant	O Lord, open thou our lips.
People	<b>And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.</b>

*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. Alleluia.**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

*People may sit and say the Psalm together.*

## Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.  
<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
<sup>3</sup>For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.  
<sup>4</sup>When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.  
<sup>5</sup>All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
<sup>6</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>7</sup>Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.  
<sup>8</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis [18:20-32]

<sup>20</sup>The LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far

be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

Canticle 1: A Song of Creation                *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

*All stand and say*

### ***I Invocation***

**O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**  
**O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**  
**O let the earth bless the Lord; \*  
     O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;**  
**O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**  
**O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;**  
**O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**  
**O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;**  
**O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**  
**O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;**  
**O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**  
**O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; \*  
     O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.**  
**Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; \*  
     praise him and magnify him for ever.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae [2:6-15]

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,

nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**Solo by Jeffrey Conrad**

The Lord is in this place

*Ed Shindle*

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Luke [11:1-13]

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

<sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. **Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.**

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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*All stand and sing.*

*The minister receives the offerings of the people and places them on the altar.*

## Offertory Hymn

## Spirit of God

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,  
the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Officiant and People*

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

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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*

## Postlude

Dialogue à 2 chœurs

G-G NIVERS

(1632-1714)

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Officiant: Anne Rodgers Popejoy  
Preacher: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder  
Guest Organist: Dr. James Higdon  
Reader: Pat Ayers  
Usher: Terry Mello

### *People in our Prayers*

**Healing:** Carolyn Moore, Mike Moore, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diane Mofr, Gwen, Jack and Kate, Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Gay Schueler, Kristina Shea, Tony, Dana, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Carolyn Moore, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Kelli McGuire, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Kyle R.,

**July Birthdays:** Cheryl White (12), Peggy Daniels (14), Sarah Cotton (20), Roy Bennett (24), Dean Jackson (28)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** All Saints by the Sea, Southport, For our Assisting Bishops, Bishop Shannon MacVean-Brown (VT) and Bishop Rob Hirschfeld (NH)

**Preparing for Baptism:** Elliott Reed

### *This Week at St. Thomas'*

#### **Sunday, July 27:**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II, (*Coffee Hour Follows in Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Monday, July 28:**

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance Class (*Godly Play Room*)

#### **Tuesday, July 29:**

4:00 p.m. Bell Tower Committee (*Conference Room*)

#### **Wednesday, July 30:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

#### **Thursday, July 31:**

10:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Yuan Ji Dance Class (*Godly Play Room*)

#### **Sunday, August 3:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Baptism and Eucharist Rite II, Coffee Hour Follows (*Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

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