



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026**

Prelude: *Blessed Assurance*, arr. J. Bert Carlson

Processional Hymn:

O day of radiant gladness,

Hymn 48, vs. 1, 2 and 4

The Word of God

BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray together our Collect for Purity.

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.

Celebrant and People:

Hymn S280

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 forever. Amen

The Lessons

Old Testament

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

The Epistle

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *Blessed Jesus at thy word*

Hymn 440

Stand as you are able

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
according to **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Rev. Vikki Clayton

*Joining with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, let us affirm the faith of the Church, by saying the Nicene Creed.
All stand as you are able*

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

Stand or kneel as you are able

The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

**We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan
Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends**

Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Vikki, our Rector; and for Lauren our music and choir director, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Diocesan Ordination Service (*July 16*) Pray for those who are being ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests

For our parish family we pray for:

Judy O'Neil, Meredith Smith, Lydia Brittle, Scott Peterson, Stevie Grimes, Janet McMurtray.

**For parishioners' family members and friends
we pray in the quiet of our hearts:**

(A moment of silence.)

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)
Jerry Cross (V. Cross)
Susan Oliver (J. Shea)
Daniel Oliver (J. Shea)
Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)
Roseann Royle (N. Row)
Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)
Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)
Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)
Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)
Chris Fountas (J. Rutherford)
Edmund Ground (M. Smith)
Allie Ground (M. Smith)
Garry Ground (M. Smith)
Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)
Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)
Mercy Frederick Ozuruonye (C. Frederick)
Anna Kuhlmann (N. Row)
Nicole Pappano (J. Kaufmann)
David Umsheid (J. McMurtray)
Barb and Scott McDonald (V. Cross)
Joyce Oehmler (V. Cross)
Yannick Goedde-Bosch (A. Fitts)
Nicole Bowie (N. Row)
Jim Bond (S. Bond)
Shari Champagne (V. Cross)
Donny Cooper (J. McMurtray)
Nancy Loy (J. Rutherford)
Amy Morris (D. Howard)
Sophia Hu (D. Starkweather & V. Cross)
Deanna Wheeler (D. Howard)
Barry Burke (J. McMurtray)
Carolyn McInnes (J. McMurtray)

Birthdays the week of July 12 – July 18

Ryan Zolkiewicz July 12

Dana Burton July 13

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

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 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

BCP 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: *Breathe on me, breath of God* **Hymn 508**

Stand as you are able

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP 361

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.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymn S129

**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.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

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 forever. *AMEN*.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior taught us we are bold to say:

Celebrant 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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Fraction The Celebrant breaks the bread.

(A moment of silence)

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #154

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Celebrant:

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 Music

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord, arr. Robert Lau

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Closing Hymn *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* **Hymn 344**

The Dismissal

Lay Eucharist Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Sonata in d, Domenico Cimarosa, arr. Charles Callahan

Serving Today

Lay Reader Lois Leigh

Lay Eucharist Minister Rob Palmer

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist Lauren Fisher

Usher Jack Hauber

Altar Guild Janet Shea and Lois Leigh

Broadcast Technician Victoria Cross

Flower Guild Sharon Henderson

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Victoria Clayton

St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Lois Leigh

Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Ann Fitts, John Kaufmann, David Landrith, Rob Palmer,

Judith Schneider, Donna Starkweather

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is Birthday Cake Sunday, with a cake provided by Victoria Cross and savorys from Jennifer Rutherford. Join us downstairs in the undercroft. Next week is hosted by David Landrith.

Bible Study

Bible study is on hiatus until September 17th.

Forward Day by Day

The upcoming edition of Forward Day by Day for August, September and October, in regular and large print, is available in the rack when you come into the church. Please take one. You can also go to www.forwardmovement.org, click on the Prayer tab at the top, then scroll down to Today's Forward Day by Day to view the online version.

We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It

even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life.

Food Giving Basket

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church with a “wish list” of items. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

On-Line Giving

There is now the option to contribute to the ministries of St. Bartholomew’s by using this QR code:



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