THE HOLY EUCHARIST Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM



JULY 20, 2025

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF THE HARBOR PROVINCETOWN



Where the Land, the Sea, and the Sacred Meet

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

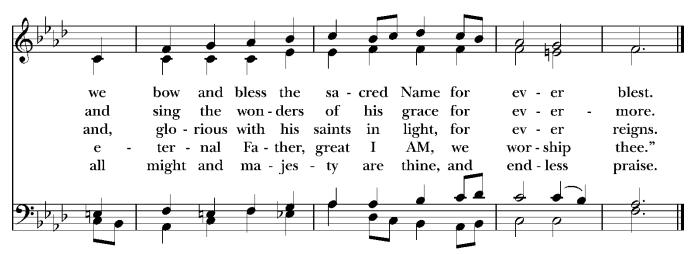
PreludeLarry Thomas Bellfrom Preludeand Fugue in Eb

Welcome Gathering Hymn

The God of Abraham

Hymnal #401





Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

Opening Acclamation

Presider:	Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
People:	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

People: 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.

WLP #840

Kyrie



Collect of the day

Presider:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Presider:	Let us pray:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

Psalm 15

We will read responsively by full verse.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Halle! Halle!



Music: Traditional Caribbean, arr. by John L. Bell, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Gospel: Luke 10: 28-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Brian Raiche

I Believe In God Almighty

WLP #769



Prayers of the People

Presider: Let us pray to the Most High God.

Reader: Grant your church such love for you that others are led into relationship with you by our faith and action. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of each person here to feel your presence and do your will this day and always. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this nation, state, and local community. Bless all nations and people. Give us leaders who seek to serve all people with justice, compassion, and care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all things in your creation and heal the wounds we have inflicted on your earth and creatures. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

End the cycle of violence and poverty through your grace and our efforts on behalf of victims and the vulnerable. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Heal all those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Bless us with good care through doctors, nurses, staff, medicines, and prayer. Especially we pray for: John Marshall, Mark Ward, Joan Boudreau, Ken Barry, Towanda deNagy, Priscilla McChesney, Ollie Ahmuty, Chelsea Diaz, Steve Moore, Nick Craciun, William Goodbody, John Kelly, Grace Kobold, and for those who are known to us in our hearts, those known only to you, and for those whose names are spoken on our lips: (*You are invited to offer your own intentions aloud or silently*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, for this we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Surround the dying with your love and give strength to those who mourn. Bring all souls into the light of your perpetual love. Especially we pray for Alex Niezyada, in whose name the Sanctuary Lamp is lit, that he may know your abiding presence, for this we pray. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Closing Collect

All these we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

The prayers are concluded with hymn # 608, verse 1

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Enriching Our Worship 1

All:

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: 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.**

<u>The Peace</u>

Presider:The peace of the Lord be always with youPeople:And also with you

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

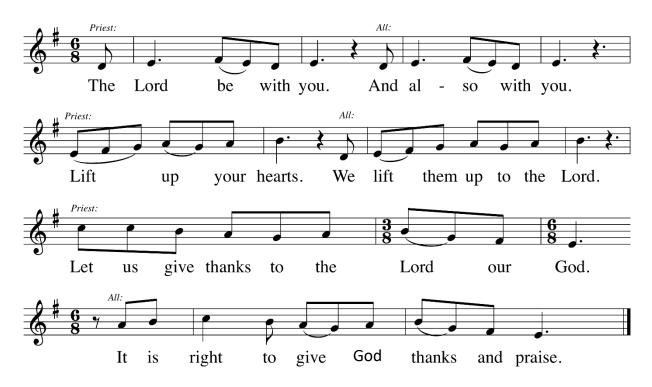
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LITURGY OF THE TABLE





We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

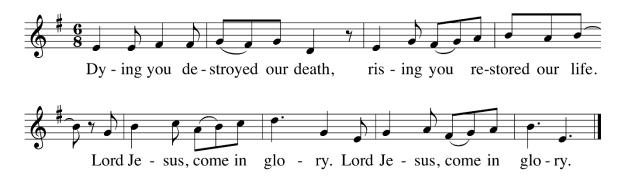
Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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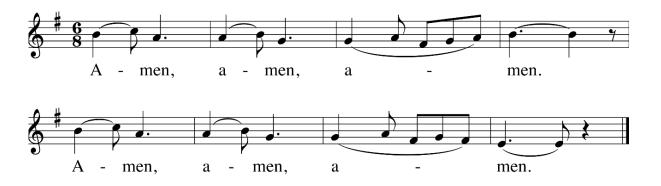


Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be (+) the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

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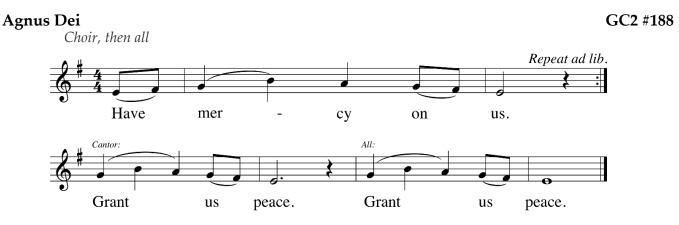
The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.



Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at his table. For in this house which bears the name Mary, all are welcome to share the one she bore, Jesus the Bread of Life. **Communion Hymns**



Hymnal #692



Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray: *Please Stand*

People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Presider: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Presider: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal #488 See next page

Dismissal

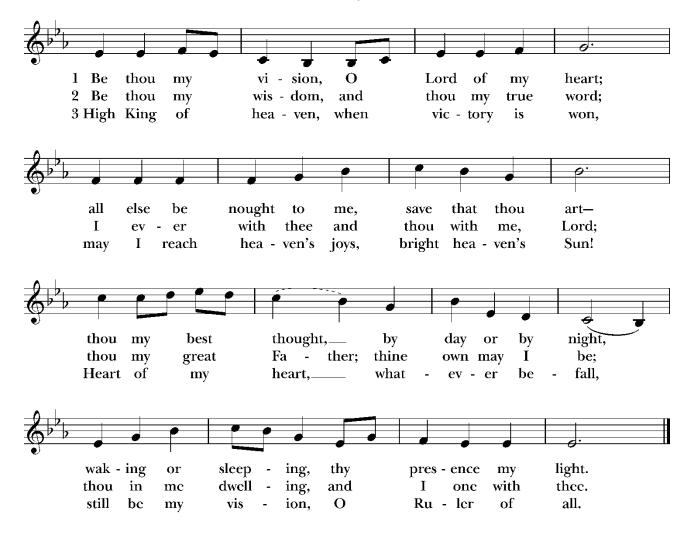
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Fughetta

D. Buxtehude

Be Thou My Vision



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30 AM

Church/Garden

Nicholson Hall

Join us for Morning Prayer each Wednesday during the summer from the Book of Common Prayer.

COPING WITH ALL KINDS OF LOSS:

Part II: July 21 at 10:00 AM

A group supporting those dealing with loss: losing family of choice or origin, friends, pets, as well as many others forms of loss can be debilitating. For many people, a grief support group makes the process a little easier by building connections with others who are also grieving. A grief support group can have a positive impact on mental health. Studies show that these groups help to reduce depressive symptoms in people who have lost a loved one. The group is facilitated by Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose, a professional grief counselor for a large health care system.

New Member Luncheon August 24th after church in the Parish House

Are you new to St. Mary's or the Episcopal Church? Join Rev. Brian for lunch at the Parish House. This informal lunch will be a chance to learn more about St. Mary's and the Episcopal Church. Not sure

you are "new enough"- just come! RVSP helpful. Please sign up in the Nicholson Hall.

Godspell!

August 17th at 2:00 PM

Our group rate is \$30/ticket. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's and place in the offering or mail to the office. Tickets will be "will call" under the name: St. Mary's. Simply tell the box office how many tickets you have ordered. Loren will be performing. Sign up in Nicholson Hall still available!

Strength for the Journey: Saturdays at 8:30 AM

In-person on Saturdays at 8:30 AM. This lay-led contemplative prayer and healing service is a strong outreach for St. Mary of the Harbor. For further information, please contact Carolyn Smith at carjans@charter.net or Gerri Spinella at gerri.spinella@gmail.com.

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Sharon Inger, Senior Warden; John Carroll-Yagel, Junior Warden; John Loftin, Treasurer; Brendan O'Neill, Clerk.

Vestry Members; Mary-Jo Avellar, Kathy Bachman, Phil Franchini, Jim Kemp, Andrea Sawyer, Janet Whelan

This Sunday's Leadership

- Music Minister: Richard Bunbury
- Crucifer: Thomas Henning
- First Reader (First Reading and Psalms): Chris Rodenhaver
- Second Reader (Second Reading): Loren Lee
- Communion Minister: Mary-Jo Avellar
- Healer: Kathy Bachman
- Ushers: Tim Brown and Andrew Granese
- Altar Guild: Sharon Inger
- Livestream: John Carroll-Yagel

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