

# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 19, 2020



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

We are a new creation

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We are a new creation of Christ, the living Word.  
Our songs of jubilation shall everywhere be heard.  
New life blooms fresh and glorious for those who heed the call  
of Christ, who reigns victorious o'er sin and death and all.

We are a new creation of God for this new day.  
As partners let us follow the life, the truth, the way.  
Christ bids us work together as colleagues, old and young,  
as women, men, and nations, God's folk of every tongue.

We are a new creation for service here on earth.  
We live our faith in action to tell our Savior's worth.  
Let love and justice blending now show for all to see  
God's grace is never-ending. It reaches you and me.

We are a new creation by God's own gracious hand.  
Old burdens cast behind us, a daring future planned.  
In ministry and mission, united let us live  
in Christ a shining vision to God's wide world to give.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

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, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

*Lector* A reading from Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

*Lector* A reading from Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

## CELEBRATION OF WOMANHOOD

*The participants of this rite are Ava White, Brenna Ald, and Stella Hughes.*

### THE PRESENTATION

*Sponsors* We present to you these young women who this day move from childhood to adulthood.

*Officiant* Dear people of God: the transformation from childhood to adulthood marks one of God's greatest gifts. Today we celebrate the gift of adulthood with these young people.

Ava, Brenna, and Stella, by the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood, and have grown strong. Now, as women, it is given to you to share God's power of creation. Human beings, because they are made in God's image, are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power – not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. God calls us to use this gift to build and not to destroy. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the responsibility to use it wisely?

*Participants* I am.

### PSALM 139

*Participants* Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

*People* **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

*Participants* You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

*People* **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

*Participants* For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

*People* **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

*Participants* My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there were none of them.

*People* **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

*Participants* If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

*People* **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

*Participants* Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

*People* **Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

## THE PRAYER FOR THE PARENTS

*Officiant* When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, he was talking with the elders. Standing there looking at their son, they realized that he was a child no longer. So, too, these parents stand watching their daughters grow beyond childhood. Let us pray for them.

*People* **O God, bless the parents of these young people. Rejoice with them as their daughters become women. Strengthen them that they may support their daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their roads for them nor shield them from pain. Carry them safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. Amen.**

## THE CHARGE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CONGREGATION

*Officiant* Dear friends, as these young people move beyond the circle of their families, they will need loyal friends. Will you stand by them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

*Young People* **We will.**

## THE CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

*Officiant* As the living body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. Will you, as a community of God which spans the generations, share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become young women and men?

*People* **We will.**

*Officiant* Will you guide, guard, and sustain them as they grow into the full stature of Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## THE BLESSING

*Officiant* You have been armed by Almighty God with both the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of adulthood. Now you must journey forth to gain the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

*The parents stand behind the participants, laying their hands on the participants' shoulders. The officiant blesses the participants, saying*

Ava, Brenna, Stella, may Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—rest upon you this day and for ever more.

*People* **Amen!**

*Reader* Let us pray for the church and the world.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We especially pray for those committed to protecting our communities, all who govern, first responders, and those who are caring for the sick throughout the current pandemic, including: *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Grob, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Ryan Tyler, Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Holy One, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We pray for the families of Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all victims of racial injustice. As their lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Holy One, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for *Pat Ald, Barbara Baseley, Booker, Harold Cherry, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Marcus England, Vincent Faust, Emily Hill, Lauren Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Alisa LeDuc, Jane McFeely, Monique McGraw, Joe Miller, Jonathon Moon, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson, Warren Webb, Megan White*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Holy One, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We rejoice with Greg and Mary Ann Williams on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, and we celebrate all who have birthdays this week, especially *Kevin Maher, Michael Gerlach, Allan Gazoul, Taylor Matthew*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Holy One, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for Michael Daher, Anthony Eaton Haynes, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

Holy One, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* 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 for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

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*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Please give generously at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving)  
or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fearfully, Wonderfully Made

Nathan Crabtree and Erik Whitehill

You were known, known before birth, woven deep, deep in the earth.  
You were formed from stardust. Sing praise! You are fearfully, wonderfully made.  
Yes, you are fearfully, wonderfully made.

You belong, you are redeemed. Loved by God, God is well pleased.  
Now embrace what God has ordained: You are fearfully, wonderfully made.  
Yes, you are fearfully, wonderfully made.

When you walk, walk through the flame. God is there, calling your name.  
God has said, "Do not be afraid." You are fearfully, wonderfully made.  
Yes, you are fearfully, wonderfully made.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*  
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

*Officiant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

*All* **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Officiant* Dear friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us; so be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—be with you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

All the colors of the rainbow

Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
ABBOT'S LEIGH

All the colors of the rainbow live unseen in daily light,  
but their splendors find expressions when released to human sight;  
so the church reveals most beauty where diversity is real:  
breadth of race and class and gender, room for doubt and space to heal.

All the body's parts are wanted, nor can one despise the rest:  
head and hand must work together, as must eye and ear and chest;  
so the church needs all its members for a range of ministries:  
varied gifts with one great mission: "Do this for the least of these."

Every language gains more music when the words for peace appear:  
Pax, Salaam, Eirini, Heiwa, Pace, Santi, Frieden, Mir.  
Though our tongues make sounds that vary, all bespeak a common home:  
longing for the end of conflict and a new life in God's Shalom.

Teach us, God, our need of others; through them help us fully live.  
Wean us from our selfish habits; let us listen, learn, forgive.  
May we see your longed-for image in each human heart and face,  
and behold how those around us can be channels of your grace.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

The cover photo depicts *Jacob's Dream: A Luminous Light*, a 47-foot ladder of light that was installed in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, in December 2016. Artists Jim Campbell and Benjamin Bergery collaborated on the installation.

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