

**St. Gregory's Episcopal Church**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 7, 2024

**PRELUDE**.....Ann Klein, Music Director

**THE ANGELUS**

*The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.*

*The first three bells*



V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,  
R. *And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*The second three bells*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. *Be it unto me according to your word.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*The third three bells*

V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. *And dwelled among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

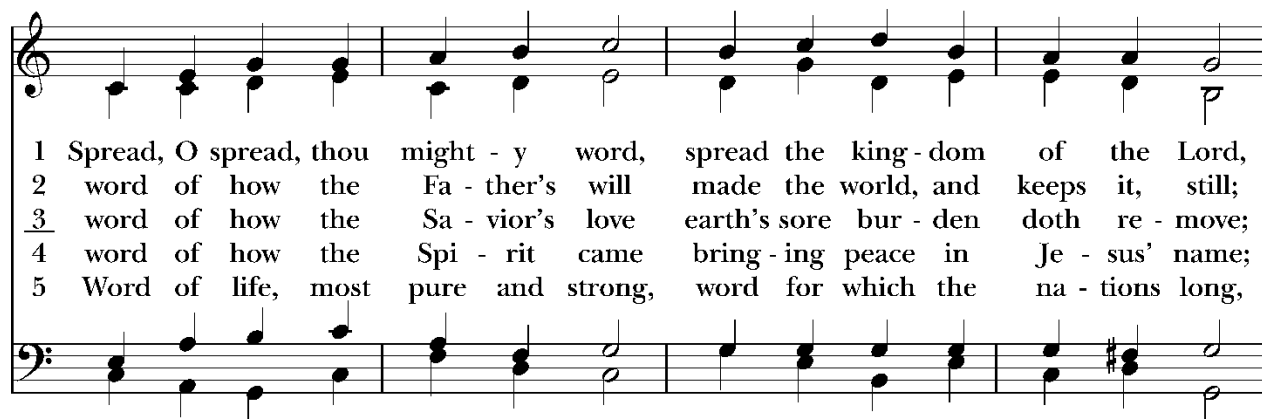
*The nine bells*



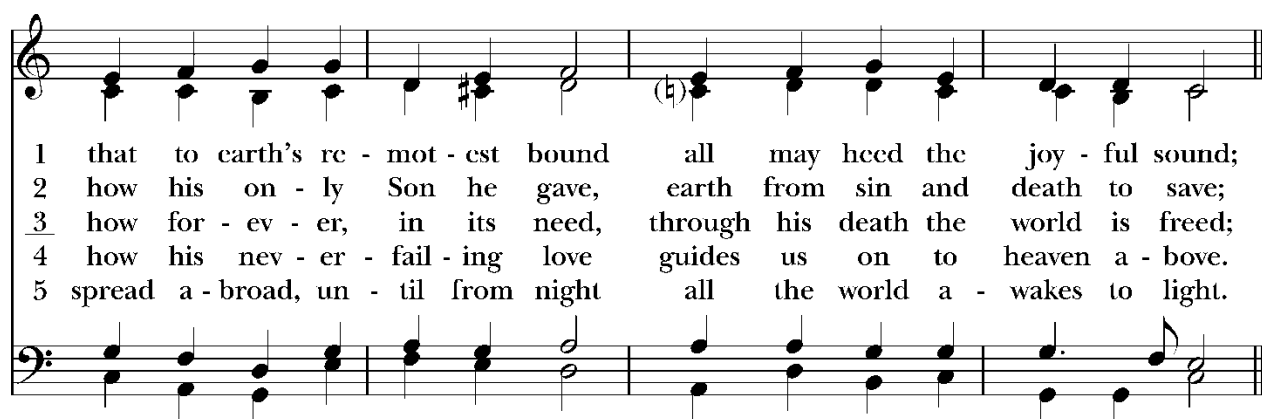
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

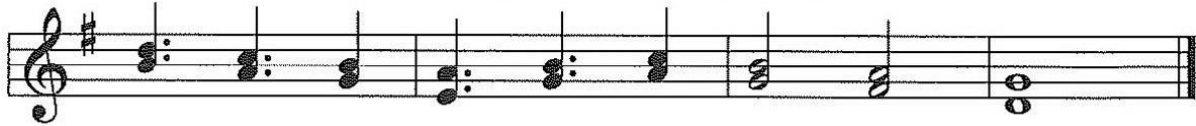
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 2:1-5*

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

## THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)

*Psalms 123*

- 1 To you I lift up my | **eyes**, \*  
to you enthroned in the | **heavens**.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | **masters**, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her | **mistress**,
- 3 So our eyes look to you, O Lord our | **God**, \*  
until you show us your | **mercy**.

- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have | **mercy**, \*  
for we have had more than enough of con|**tempt**,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent | **rich**, \*  
and of the derision of the | **proud**.

**THE EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ALLELUIA**



**THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:1-13*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**THE SERMON**.....*The Rev. Matthew Wright*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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

*Following each petition, the People sing in response*



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For the peace of the world; for the welfare of this fragile earth, our island home; and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Holy One.

For the universal Church; for Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Sean, Presiding Bishop-Elect; for the Bishops of the Diocese of New York, Matt, Mary, and Allen; for Susan and Matthew, our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Holy One.

For our President, Joe; our Governor, Kathy; for our local town council, and for all who hold roles of servant leadership, that there may be peace and justice on the Earth, let us pray to the Holy One.

For this town of Woodstock, which sits on unceded Lanape territory, for the indigenous peoples of this land, and for all whose lives are touched by war, gun violence, and racism, let us pray to the Holy One.

For those in any need or trouble, for all those on our parish prayer list, and for any others we now name [*silent pause*], let us pray to the Holy One.

For all who have died, in sure and certain hope that no one and nothing can ever fall outside the love of God, let us pray to the Holy One.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Minister 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.**

*The Priest says*

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**

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (*sung by choir*)

### **DOXOLOGY** (*sung in unison*)

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low;  
 praise God, the Tri-ni - ty of love, be - fore, be-neath, a - round, a - bove.  
 A - men.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final double bar line.

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*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

...we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
 Rising, you restored our life.  
 Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

...we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*People* **Blessed are you 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

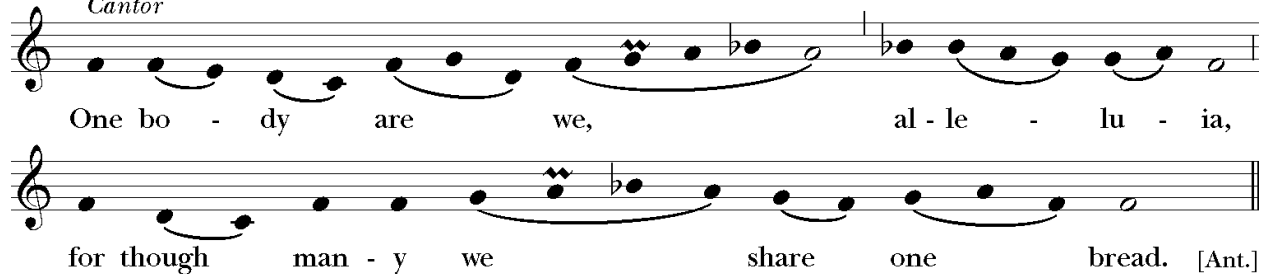
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A brief silence follows. All then joining in singing*

*Antiphon:*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
 for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

## A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

### RECESSIONAL HYMN



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:  
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove  
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,  
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.  
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.  
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**