

# Pride Sunday

The 56th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising



## St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*June 30, 2025*

*At St. Gregory's we explore the profound life  
and radical teachings of Jesus Christ, through a living faith.*

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## Hymn in Procession

*Slowly* (♩ = ca. 57)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a measure number (4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The tempo is marked 'Slowly' with a note value of approximately 57 beats per minute.

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

4  
cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

7  
side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

10  
Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

13  
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

16  
draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

19  
Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

22



cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

25



side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle

27



wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

30



be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

33

*to repeat*

*Repeat as desired*



draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

36

*to end*



Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

39

*molto rit.*



cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

WORDS: Gordon Light  
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

DRAW THE CIRCLE  
Irr.

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## Opening Acclamation

- Celebrant* Blessed be God, who loves all creation!  
*People* **God's love knows no exceptions, alleluia!**
- Celebrant* We are the body of Christ! Justice-seeking, bread-breaking, hymn-singing, risk-taking—  
*People* **Body of Christ!**
- Celebrant* Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body. Many and varied in culture, sexuality, gender, race, age, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body. None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."  
*People* **For only together can we find wholeness.**
- Leader* None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."  
*People* **For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**
- Celebrant* Come in, all are welcome, come into worship! Come with your longings, your questions, and your fears.  
*People* **Come with your dreams of a better day, one with dignity and safety for all!**
- Celebrant* Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one!  
*People* **Let us worship God! Alleluia!**

## Song of Praise

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

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

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

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Transcendent God, you took on human form, and with it human sexuality and gender, entering into our broken world, bearing our suffering along with us. We remember that on this weekend, fifty-six years ago, a riot broke out as a response to years of victimization and oppression. We lift up those lives and their voices, remembering their hardships and their courage. We ask you to send your Spirit to us that we may give voice to those without one, and work together to end the oppression of your children who are hurt by discrimination based upon their sexual orientation or gender identity. Help us to remove every barrier to the life abundant which you desire for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

*1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21*

The Lord said to Elijah, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

## Psalm 16:1, 5-11 (*chanted in unison*)

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in | **you**; \*  
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord,  
my good above all | **other**.”
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my | **cup**; \*  
it is you who uphold my | **lot**.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant | **land**; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly | **heritage**.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me | **counsel**; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after | **night**.

- 8 I have set you, O Lord, always be|**fore me**; \*  
because you are at my right hand I shall not | **fall**.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re|**joices**; \*  
my body also shall rest in | **hope**.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the | **grave**, \*  
nor let your holy one see the | **Pit**.
- 11 You will show me the path of | **life**; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for ever|**more**.

## The Second Reading

*Galatians 5:1,13-25*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

## Gospel Procession (*please stand in body or in spirit*)



## The Gospel

*Luke 9:51-62*

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Wright

### Affirmation of Faith

(from *All Desires Known* by the Rev. Janet Morley)

O God, the source of our being  
and the goal of all our longing,  
we believe and trust in you.  
The whole earth is alive with your glory,  
and all that has life is sustained by you.  
We commit ourselves to cherish your world,  
and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life  
we believe and trust in you.  
Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,  
you confronted the proud and the powerful,  
and welcomed as your friends  
those of no account.  
Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,  
you emptied yourself of power,  
and became foolishness for our sake.  
You laboured with us upon the cross,  
and have brought us forth  
to the hope of resurrection.  
We commit ourselves to struggle against evil,  
and to choose life.

*(continues on the next page)*

O God, life-giving Spirit,  
Spirit of healing and comfort,  
of integrity and truth,  
we believe and trust in you.  
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,  
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,  
we commit ourselves to work with you  
and renew our world. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader* Holy One, we believe that your love, working through us, will find a way to heal our wounded world, and that suffering and poverty will end; for we believe in your persistent love.

*People* **Help us be your love in the world. Send us to those who suffer.**

*Leader* We believe that you have made us who we are, in your image, a beautiful community of diverse races, cultures, sexual identities, and gender expressions. You declared us “very good.” We celebrate this diversity, for we believe in your creative imagination.

*People* **Help us make to our world safe for all to live with integrity, for barriers to tumble down, and for all to live in peace. Send us out to change the world.**

*Leader* We believe we are all members of one Body. We share a heart with those who suffer violence, who live in fear, who are cast out because of their sexuality or any other reason. We ache with them, for we believe that you love without exception.

*People* **Help us reach out in love. Send us into the world proclaiming your Good News.**

*Leader* We believe that we are not yet perfected. We fear. We judge. We cause harm by our action and our inaction. But we still turn to you for help, for we believe in your forgiveness.

*People* **Help us to receive your forgiveness. Send us into the world to forgive.**

*Leader* We believe that the liberation of those in captivity did not end with Moses leading the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt, or with Jesus’ death and resurrection, but that even now you are pulling humanity out of darkness into the light; for we believe in your kingdom come on earth.

*People* **Give us courage and strength. Send us into the world to lead.**

*Leader* We believe it is not too late for those filled with hate to learn to live in love, for we believe in your heart-transforming power.

*People* **Help us love even those who hate. Send us out with love for all.**



*Leader* We believe that our prayers do matter, and so we offer them now for ourselves, for those we love, and for the world we share. (*The people offer their own intercessions, silently or aloud*).

*Leader* We believe in gratitude. We offer thanks to those brave souls who have risked much for others. We offer thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us. (*The people offer their own thanksgivings, silently or aloud*.)

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

Gracious and loving God, you made your gift of creation diverse beyond all measure, and in the sign of the rainbow you sealed your covenant with us. Send your Spirit upon us at this time of Pride, assuring us always of your eternal love and guidance, as we continue Jesus' work of inclusion and equality. Bless those who suffer the pain of bigotry and hatred, unite us in your truth and peace, and comfort us as we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. All this we ask in your Name, O holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Confession of Sin** (*the people may kneel*)

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and people*

**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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through the grace of 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 HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem** (*sung by choir*)

**Doxology** (*all stand in body or spirit*)

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.**

Holy One, we gather this day as one people, members of the same body, grateful for your many gifts, and carrying the hope within us for a world filled with love. This hope was given by you, from the very beginning of your creation.

You made the earth, and all that lives on it. You inspired prophets and widows and slaves to seek liberation from all that oppresses, so that we might be released to love fully. You became incarnate in Jesus Christ, so that through him we might experience the depth and width of your unquenchable love.

And so, joining our voices with angels and ancestors, we praise your name in song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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While Jesus lived among us he stood up for women and children, he touched the untouchable, healed the sick, and welcomed those who had given up hope of being included. Through him we see a path not only to our own freedom, but a path to the liberation of the whole world.

He taught us that it will not be in the brutality of violence that our world will be saved. Rather, it will be in showing kindness to our neighbor, in standing up against injustice, in returning hate with love, in transforming one heart at a time. It will be in the simple but holy task of eating together, sharing bread and wine, truly seeing one another as beloved by you.

After dinner he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them and said: “Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.”

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 God, now and for ever.  
*AMEN.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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*This is the table of Jesus, and all who are hungry are welcome. If you wish to receive Communion, please come forward to the altar rail, following the direction of the ushers. (We will bring communion to you if you are unable to come forward.) Extend your hands, palms up, hand over hand, to receive the bread; gently help guide the cup to your mouth. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms in front of you. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the priest.*

## Communion Chant

How could an - y - one ev - er tell you that you're an - y thing less than  
beau-ti - ful? How could an - y-one e - ver tell you that you're less than  
whole? How could an - y - one fail to no - tice that your lov - ing is a  
mir - a - cle? How deep - ly you're con - nect - ed to my soul.

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## Post-communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God,  
once again you have given us what we need:  
holy food and drink, one another, and hope for a better day.  
With renewed energy we offer ourselves  
to be sent out in your name:  
hopeful and grateful, leaders of liberation,  
and proclaimers of your love. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn** (*see next page*)

## The Dismissal

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

# Recessional Hymn

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -

2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be

3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and

4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

bove, and we dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love.

free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,

shame so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.

wide, can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will

that they nev - er have a rea - son to doubt that they are

May the mess - age now be ban - ished that Your love is for the

As they grow in strength and sta - ture, may they join us hand in

be, when your chil - dren will be free.

blest. May they, in Your love, find rest.

few, may their faith in You re - new.

hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

O, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen

wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry-one in - side.

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

long. May that wel - come be our song.

**Serving today:**

Eucharistic Minister: Tress Palmer

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