

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 16, 2023
10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service. We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back of the sanctuary.

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)

We want to honor and respect your privacy.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: “Trumpet Tune in G Major”

David Johnson

Welcome & Announcements

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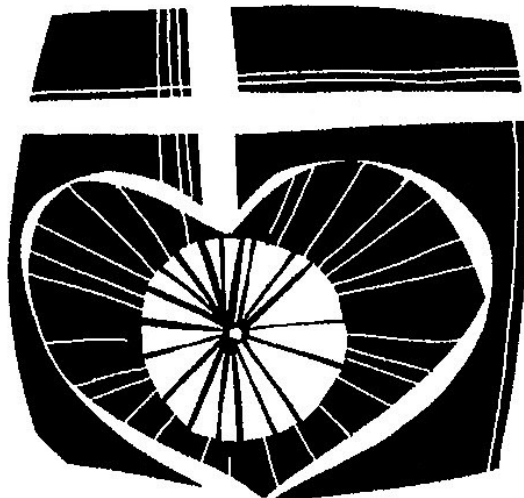
Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

At the sound of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**



Gathering Hymn: "Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah"

Text: *William Williams*

Tune: *CWM Rhondda*



Guide me O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
lead me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 for ever.
Amen.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children are invited to return to their families and be seated.

The Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Lector A Reading from Book of Isaiah.

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.**



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

Alleluia

Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, ©1984, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-28

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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."

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

Gospel Response: "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

Alleluia

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Please be seated.

Homily

The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Sacred Silence

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Please stand.

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.**

Please remain standing.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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; we pray for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Matthews, Sand Springs, St. Bede's, Westport, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Father Joseph, Father Tony, Deacon Karen, and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns: *Gale Wilkerson, Bill Landis, Reggie Ekins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Greg, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Cynthia Briscoe, Timothy, Whitney, Jill Sanders, Angela & Ron Cochran, Robin Gibson, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, Manuel Estrada, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Francisco Ramos Hernandez, Clarissa Blackburn, Thomas Cowley, Dee, Kathy Close, Maxine Grayson, Will Havins, Sandy Crockett, the protection of imprisoned J6 Citizens, Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg.*

For those in the military: *Nathaniel Griner, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf*, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *James Burkhart, Joseph Matias, Jason Seabolt, Linndon Steinhardt, Ted Zweifel, Bill Collins, Noel Jacobs, Sarah Creech, Irma “Mona” Gudino-Saenz, Sergio Martinez.*

We give thanks for those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: *Kris & Allen Wade.*

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 might have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Deaths: *Leonard Cayton, Charlie Spencer, Brandon Robertson, Dan Evans, Brenda Davis, Jo Polly, Kevin Donald Repass, Marco Antonio Rodriguez, and CH “Buck” Grantham.*

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them
Who put their trust in you.

Please kneel.
Confession of Sin

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon 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.**

Please stand.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. – Ephesians 5:2

During the “Offering in Song,” please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to “bit.ly/GiveSAC” in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.

Offering in Song: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Silesian Folk Melody

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation Song: “Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be -



low; O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise! Praise the Fath-er, praise the



Son! and praise the Spir - it: Three in One! O praise Him, O



praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Please remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer: Form F

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider The Lord be with you
People **and also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider You are worthy of our thanks and praise
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your Word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

*Presider
& People* **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.**

Presider Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendor and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
and we long for his coming in glory.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Presider As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

People **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

Presider Look with favor on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

People **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

Presider Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with (NN. and) all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider 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 Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Altar Prayer

After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Candle Lighting

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other needs you may have; light a candle, and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.

Communion Meditation: "Thy Word"

Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand or kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Please stand.

Blessing

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: “Gloriana”

P. Katsaros

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know one another.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday July 16, 2023, 10:45 A.M. – The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

President: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Lector: Pam Altizer

Crucifer: Olivia Krausse

Eucharistic Assistants: David Krausse, Judy Moon, Jay Welch

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Guest Soloist: Diedra Davis

Oblation Bearers: Patsy Hollingsworth

Greeters: Renee Lewis and Jim Snelling

Ushers: Sara & Jay Kyte

Altar Guild: Patsy Hollingsworth and Janet Wells

Camera Crew: Josh Eliot and Bri McGhee

Sound: Eric Brinley

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

The mixing of water and wine was common in the ancient world. Wines at that time were typically heavier than modern vintages and to dilute them made them more palatable and less inebriating. Thus the wine used at mass was mixed with water before the consecration in the usual manner of all wine - Proverbs 9:5 states, "Drink the wine which I have mixed for you". Mystically, the mixing of water and wine came to represent the people (symbolized by the water) being made one with Christ's body (symbolized by the wine) not only at the Eucharist but also at the time of our baptism.

Although the Council of Trent excommunicated whoever denied the need for this mixture, the practice was rejected by Martin Luther and John Calvin at the reformation. The practice was directed by the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*, but it was not mentioned in the 1552 prayer book. The mixing of water and wine not only symbolizes a union of Christ with his people, but it is also a sign of the blood and water flowing from Jesus' side at His crucifixion and the union of Christ's divine and human natures.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

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