



Sunday, July 16, 2023

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

A Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

PRELUDE 10:30 only

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

ARR. MARY McDONALD

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand. 10:30 only*

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

LEVAS 93



Give thanks to the Lord for He is so good, His mer-cy en-



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ev - er.) 1. To Him a - lone who does might - y won - ders,
2. He made the sun to gov - ern the day - time,



1. Who by His un - der - stand - ing made the hea - vens.
2. The moon and stars to gov - ern o'er the night - time.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Deacon We meet in the name of God,
Creator of the universe,
source of True humanity.
Mother and Father of all.

People **Amen.**

Deacon	We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, Savior of fallen humanity, lover of all.
People	Amen.
Deacon	We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Midwife of new humanity, Inspirer of all.
People	Amen.
Deacon People	Come then, eternal God, Be present here, Befriend us here, Renew us here.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Deacon	Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.

GLORIA *Read together at 8:00 only*

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to His people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God and Creator,
 we worship You, we give You thanks,
 we praise You for Your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 only Child of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
 For You alone are the Holy One,
 You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of the Father.
Amen.

GLORIA At 10:30, all sung.

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
To Verses
peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

St. Mechthild of Magdeburg, 13th c.

Deacon God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus: Send upon us the sweet rain of your humanity, the hot sun of the living God, and the gentle dew of the Holy Spirit, that our arching hearts may find eternal rest in you and you alone, both now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *At 8am, spoken.*

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Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments. **ANTIPHON**

I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments. **ANTIPHON**

My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments. **ANTIPHON**

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* **IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE**

WLP 8o6

Sing two times. 10:30am only

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.' The score ends with a double bar line.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er
pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple
free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple
free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 13:1-9,18-23

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."The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30 only, sing the music on previous page one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

DR. MICHAEL BOOKER

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

**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 human.
 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, help us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

*After each prayer, please respond "**hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**"*

Deacon Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, accept and fulfill our petitions, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

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.**

Deacon Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Deacon Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

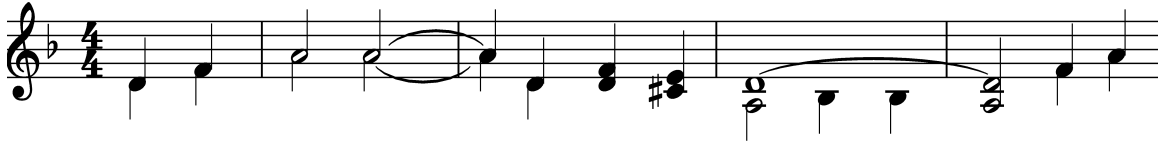
THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

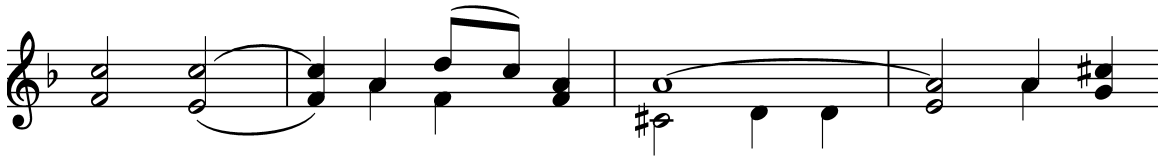
OFFERTORY 10:30 only

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

LEVAS 70



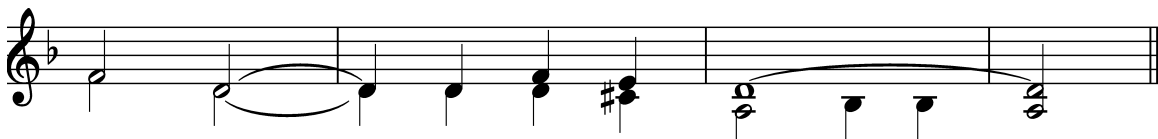
1. I want Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
2. In my tri - als,_____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
3. In my sor - rows,_____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my



1. Je - sus_____ to walk_____ with me (walk with me); All a -
2. tri - als,_____ Lord, walk_____ with me (walk with me); When the
3. sor - rows,_____ Lord, walk_____ with me (walk with me); When my



1. long my_____ pil - grim jour - ney,_____ Lord, I want
2. shades of_____ life_____ are fall - ing,_____ Lord, I want
3. heart with - in_____ is ach - ing,_____ Lord, I want



1. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me).
2. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me).
3. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me).

During the offertory hymn, the Deacon places the reserved sacrament (communion bread and wine consecrated at last week's Eucharistic Feast) on the altar and sets the table.

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand. 10:30 only

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

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

Taking a position in the center aisle and facing the altar, the deacon leads the people in the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts, provided below.

Deacon We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon For the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon That you have brought us together in this place;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon That your eternal Word was made flesh for us;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon That you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon That through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

People **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 deacon then moves to the altar, takes the elements, faces the people and says

Deacon The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Communion wafers are dairy- and nut-free but do contain gluten today. For a gluten-free communion wafer, please ask the Eucharistic Minister who is distributing when you get to the front of the line.

COMMUNION HYMN *10:30 only*

DEEP RIVER

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL ARR. BY ANDY BECK

CANTOR SOLO

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over to campground.

O, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
that promised land where everything is such sweet peace?

Deep river, I want to cross over to campground.

O, Lord, take me home to that gospel feast,
that promised land where everything is such sweet peace.

Deep river, I want to cross over, I'm gonna cross over,

O Lordy, take me over to campground.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

Deacon Let us pray.

All **In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.**

**Take us out
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.**

Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son.

People **In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.**

Deacon You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.

People **Strengthen this community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world. Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.**

Deacon Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel.

People **Give us the grace to see the true face of the people with whom we live. In a world torn by sin and division make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.**

Deacon May we who celebrate Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
 2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God who is

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take
 liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we em -

leave. Our prayer here has end - ed, O now be ex -
 brace. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of our wor - ship in all who be -
 car - ing, We claim as our fam - 'ly all those of each

lieve. The seed of Christ's teach - ing, Our in - ner souls
 race. With grace God has fed us, One true light has

reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's
 led us U - nit - ing us all in the life that we share. Then

grace shall in - cite us, In love shall u - nite us To
 may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing Give

fur - ther God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Deacon With Christ beside us, before us, beneath us, and above us, let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve our God!

People **We go in the name of Christ! Thanks be to God!**

ABOUT LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT

St. Francis' is blessed by inspired worship shared in varied forms led by seasoned liturgical leaders, lay and ordained. Today's service, "The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament," is a special service featuring these leaders. Deacon David will preside, Michael Booker will preach, and our Lay Eucharistic Ministers will distribute the Reserved Sacrament. This form of liturgy allows us to gather for Morning Prayer and share communion while Vicar Laurie is on vacation.

The Episcopal Church only authorizes priests to consecrate the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, in accordance with the Canons of Episcopal Church, and of the Diocese of Missouri, communion may be distributed from pre-consecrated elements by a deacon. Bishop Deon, using the Book of Common Prayer guidelines, developed and authorized us to use the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts in today's service.

Much will be familiar to you in today's service though there are some important differences that speak to what is unique about this kind of worship.

- The Liturgy of the Word remains unchanged.
- At the confession, things began to change. Rather than bidding the confession from the lectern, the deacon joins the people to lead confession and ask for God's absolution. Only priests are empowered, through their ordination, to absolve sins directly.
- At the Liturgy of the Table, the deacon places the pre-consecrated elements on the altar and returns to stand with the people to lead the Litany of Consecrated Gifts. This litany is not a Eucharistic Prayer. Standing with the people and not at God's Table underscores the deacon is not consecrating the elements.
- Communion is distributed by Lay Eucharistic Ministers, not the Deacon, underscoring again, that the deacon is not serving at the table where a Eucharistic Prayer has happened.
- The liturgy concludes with an Act of Thanksgiving, not a blessing which is something only Priests are empowered to offer.