

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



July 25, 2021

9:30 AM

Proper 12

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are our guest today, or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you are here. Please stop by the welcome center and pick up a gift bag before you leave. While there, please sign our guest book so that we may have a record of your visit. Gluten free wafers are available during communion; just ask Fr. Tom when you come forward. If you are joining us on line we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless
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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Welcome

Peace

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant: Lord Have Mercy

People: **Christ Have Mercy**

Celebrant: Lord Have Mercy

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: John 6:1-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Deacon Teresa Houser

The Nicene Creed *[Please stand]*

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of 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.

Prayers of the People *[Please kneel or be seated]*

The reader and people pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for ____ in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, _____, our partners in the diocese of Dominican Republic _____. In the parish cycle of prayer, _____, for this gathering; and for all strive to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; Tom, our priest; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President, Joe Biden; our Governor, Pete Ricketts; for all elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lord, we lift up those in our congregation, and those we know, who are ill; especially: , _____ are there others?

We also pray for those with special concerns; especially; _____ are there others?

Lord, have compassion on those that suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember all those who have died [especially], _____ (are there others?) Give to all the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

We pray for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those who are deployed: _____ are there others? Be with them and their families Lord, to give them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace.

We ask that you watch over those who travel; especially; _____ are there others? Keep them safe as only you can.

We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays-this week, especially; _____; are there others? [*pause*] and those who are celebrating anniversaries, especially; _____ are there others?

The Reader adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of you 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 forever. **Amen**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

Let us humbly confess our sin unto Almighty God.

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 hearts; 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 Celebrant continues:

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**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

O Love, How Deep

Hymnal 448

Doxology

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thy own have we given thee.**

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 unto our Lord God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We bow our knees before you, Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. We thank and praise you, for in Christ you had compassion on our scarcity and turned it into your abundance. You called us to bring to you the needs and fruits of your people and your world. You commission us as your Son's disciples to distribute the blessings of his grace and the benefits of his passion. He took our human nature in order to bless it in his incarnation and ministry: he was broken on the cross in order that your everlasting life might be shared through resurrection, And we gladly render to you the praise of your glory, joining the company of heaven in the everlasting song.

Celebrant and 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.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

Revealing God, in your Son you fed the multitudes and so showed your power to turn the water of our existence into the wine of eternal life with you. Strengthen your people through your Holy Spirit that they might be rooted and grounded in love. As your Son held the loaves and through them made his glory known, send down you Holy Spirit on this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and he gave it to his disciples, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Glorious God, in Christ you disclose the breadth and length and height and depth of a love that surpasses knowledge. You come toward us across the rough sea of our anxiety and in the nighttime of our fear, and counsel us to be not afraid. Walk alongside any who experience deep hunger and know not where to turn; bless those who have been deeply betrayed, and live with the consequences of another's ruthlessness or conspiring; stretch out your hand to all who search for someone to trust. To you, who by the power at work within us are able to accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine, to you be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one God now and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers the following invitation:

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.

Post Communion Hymn

Just as I Am

Hymnal 693 v1-3

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Going Forth Hymn

How firm a Foundation

Hymnal 637 v1-3

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:
 Steve B
 James R
 Michael G
 Ailynn M
 Rick S

Anniversaries:
 Walt & Mary D

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		July 25	Aug 1
VPOD		Michele H	Leslie N
Hospitality		Team 3	Team 4
Altar Guild:		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Bread:		Leslie N	Terri S
LEMs:	5:00 pm	Alberta Y	Charlotte A
Readings Prayers	9:30 am	Doug A	Jennifer W Michele H
Recycle		Lynda W	Karen G
Acolytes	C	Isaiah H	Anika S
	T	Kyper M	Olivia H
	T	Ailynn M	Ciaya S



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Howard Tarleton in memory of Pat Tarleton
 The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Bill French in Thanksgiving for my wife, Kathleen's birthday.

This Week's Highlights

Crucifer & Torch Bearer Training: This Sunday (25 Jul), following our service, Fr. Tom is offering a training session for all current and prospective Crucifers. The training should last only about 1 hour. A training session for our Torch Bearers will be held next Sunday (1 Aug) beginning at 10:45, and it too should only last about 1 hour.

DOK Book Study: The Daughters of the King summer Zoom book study meets Tuesday evenings starting at 7:00pm. Each week the group invites anyone interested in discussing the week's chapter in our Presiding Bishop's book "*Love is the Way-Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*". The Zoom meeting id is 89240388940, and the passcode is 244585.

Holy Land Study: This Thursday (starting at 7:00pm) our Holy Land study will begin. This study is open to everyone and will be offered both in-person and via Zoom. To join us on Zoom, the meeting id is 833 3668 2763 and the passcode is 255940. While not required, you may visit our gift shop to purchase a book and/or study guide at discounted prices (while supplies last).

Worship Committee Meeting: The worship committee will meet next Sunday (1 Aug) at 10:30 in the conference room.

Journeys Planning Meeting: Wednesday (4 Aug) our Journeys planning team will meet in the parish hall beginning at 6:30. If you are an adult and interested in assisting this year, please let Fr. Tom know. Additional help is always welcome.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Meeting: On Saturday (7 Aug) beginning at 10:00am, Fr. Tom would like to meet with all current and prospective Lay Eucharistic Ministers to review our traditional practices, changes arising out of the pandemic, and to discuss future ministry needs. While in-person is preferred, a Zoom link will be available in next week's bulletin.