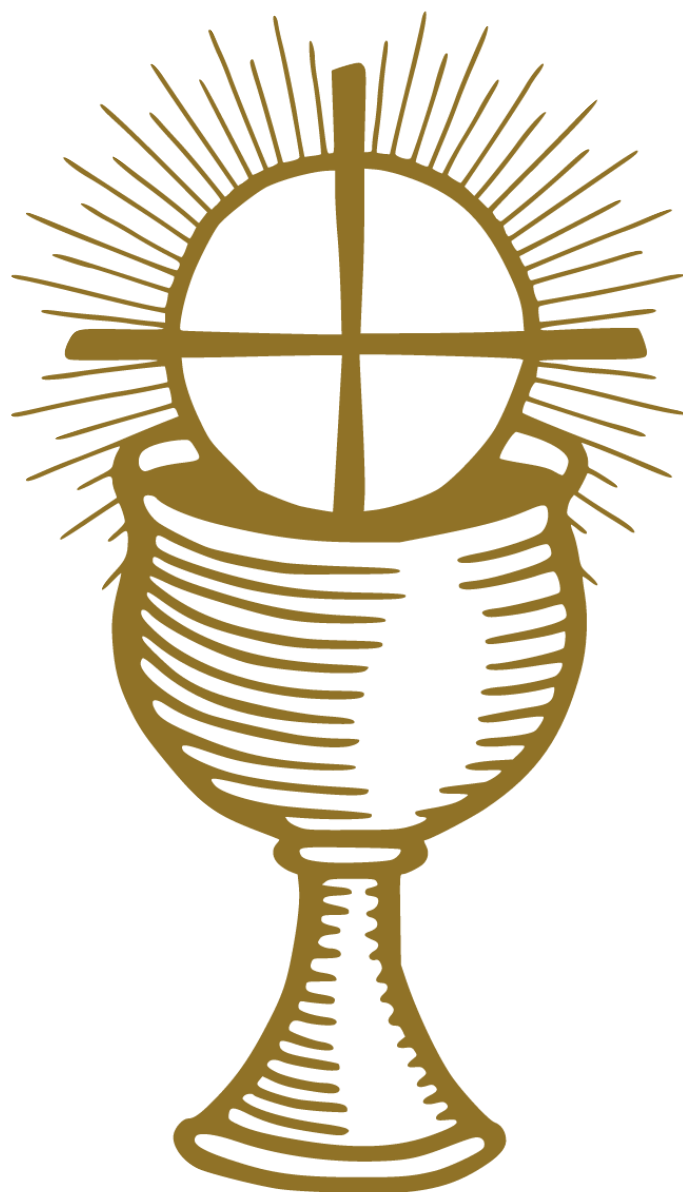




The Holy Eucharist

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

11:15 AM

Thank you for joining us today!

We're glad you've joined us today. For thousands of years people have gathered to worship and to be encouraged by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our prayer today is that you, like so many others, might know the deep and never failing love God has for you.

If you are a visitor, please take time to listen, to explore, and to learn more about us. You can find more information about us online at apostlesonline.org.

Home Communion

If health concerns prevent you from attending service for an extended period, a member of the clergy or a Lay Eucharistic Minister is available to serve Communion in your home. This may be scheduled on an as-needed or a regular basis. To schedule a visit or for more information, please contact Fr. John Roop at john@apostlesonline.org.

**For our service today we will be using the Renewed Ancient Text from the ACNA 2019 BCP. For your use during our service today, we have a handful of these Prayer Books available in the Narthex. The service begins on page 123.*

The Service of the Word

Call to Worship

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit come.

Holy Spirit come.

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Processional

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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The Acclamation

The Celebrant will say

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant prays

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.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy on us.

Steve Merkel

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55

Pew Bible, pg. 615

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 65

The musical notation is for Psalm 65 in 4/4 time, spanning three staves. The lyrics are: "The earth is the Lord's for he made it, he made it: O come, let us adore him, adore him." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple, with notes corresponding to the lyrics. The first staff starts with a 4-measure rest, then has notes for "The earth is the Lord's for he". The second staff continues with "made it, he made it: O come, let". The third staff ends with "us adore him, adore him.".

Reader Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

People O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.

Reader When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

People Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

Reader By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;

People **the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;**

Reader who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,

People so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe
at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to
shout for joy.

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature, followed by a whole rest. The second staff starts with a measure rest, then contains the lyrics 'The earth is the Lord's for he' with notes: a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff contains the lyrics 'made it, he made it: O come, let' with notes: a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'us a-dore him, a-dore him.' with notes: a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

The earth is the Lord's for he
made it, he made it: O come, let
us a-dore him, a-dore him.

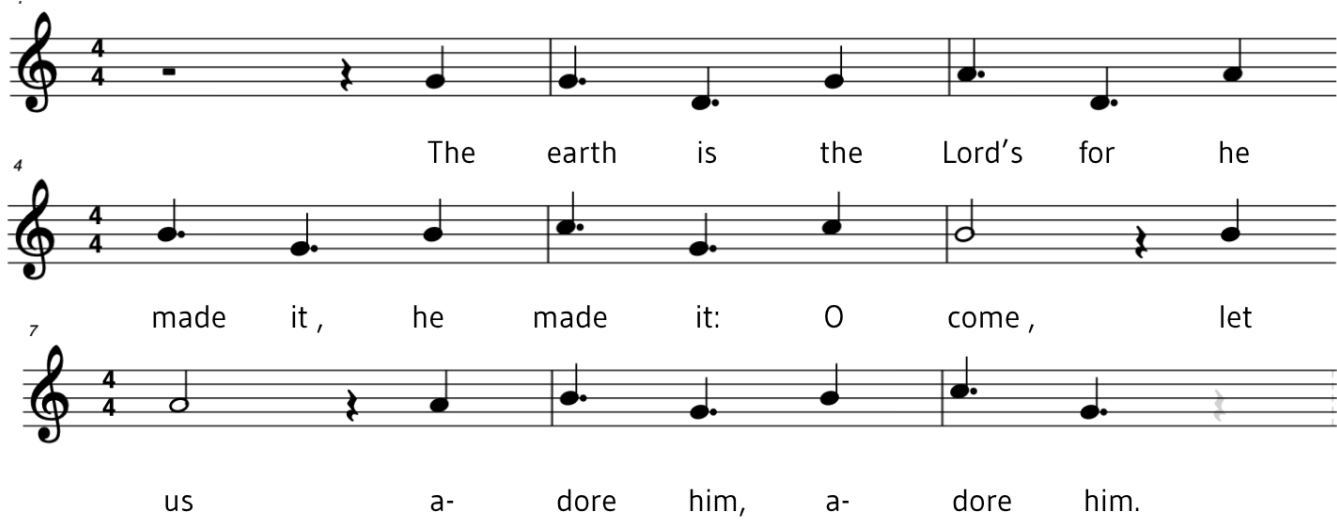
Reader You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.

People **You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.**

Reader You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

People **The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

Reader the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
 the valleys deck themselves with grain,
 they shout and sing together for joy.



Gloria

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:7-17
Pew Bible, pg. 944

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation

Send Out Your Light

Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me.
Bring me to your holy hill, to your dwelling;
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy,
Then I will praise him with all my heart, oh my joy, my joy.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pew Bible, pg. 818

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Song of Response

Send Out Your Light

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy,
Then I will praise him with all my heart, oh my joy, my joy,
Oh my joy, my joy.

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Children grades K-5 may leave after the Gospel reading to attend Children's Church

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Thomas Ryden

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

After each bidding there is a time for the Clergy and the People to add their own prayers, silently or aloud

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

The Intercessor says these prayers

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Here the people offer their prayers for peace and unity

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, for Julian, our Provincial Dean, for Foley and Frank, our Bishops, for Jack, our Rector, for Thomas, our assisting Rector, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation; and especially St. Peter's by the Lake in Counce, Tennessee, and our sister churches, Old North Abbey and St. Brendan's.

Here the people offer their prayers for the Church

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Here the people offer their prayers for those who proclaim the Gospel

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Here the people offer their prayers for the persecuted Church

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service especially Donald, our President; Bill, our Governor; and Glenn and Indya, our Mayors.

Here the people offer their prayers for those in authority

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Here the people offer their prayers for those in need

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who do not follow Christ, those who have not believed, and those who have abandoned their faith; that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Here the people offer their prayers for those who do not follow Christ

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Here the people offer their prayers of thanksgiving for the faithfully departed

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

I invite your prayers at this time.

The people may offer their petitions either silently or aloud

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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 Celebrant declares God's forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The Peace

All standing, the Celebrant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The Service of the Table

All who are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; who come with penitent hearts and lively faith; who have properly examined themselves in light of God's commandments; and who have confessed their sins and committed to amendment of life may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, simply cross your arms in front of your chest to indicate you wish to receive a blessing only. If parents wish for their children to receive communion, we will be happy to commune any baptized child able to receive.

You may receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) if you wish, or you may receive it by drinking directly from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply consume the bread and return to your seat.

The Offertory

Offertory Song

Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood:
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Through the fall of death and darkness
Through the grave and victory
Through the grace of God incarnate
Thy great love has set us free
Hymns of joy flow from the nations
With one voice we will proclaim
Jesus Christ our risen Savior
Through eternity now reigns

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The Celebrant says

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty:

People For everything in heaven and on earth is yours;

Celebrant Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,

People And you are exalted as Head above all.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord: For he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might;
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

The Prayer of Consecration

The People kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

**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 Fraction

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

The Celebrant then says

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.

You may be seated until the ushers indicate when your row will be served.

Communion Songs

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in Heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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A New Jerusalem

A new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven
Like a bride adorned in all her splendor.
And God will dwell with us; He will live among us.
We will be his people; He will be our God.

*He will wipe away every tear from our eyes,
There'll be no more death, no more mourning,
No more crying there, there'll be no more pain
When God shall make His home with us again.*

For God will make all things new.
These are His words, trustworthy and true.
A promise made on which we can depend.
He's the Beginning and the End.

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Post Communion Prayer

All standing, the Celebrant and People pray in unison

Heavenly Father,

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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Leave Liturgy

Immediately after the Post-communion Prayer and Blessing, the congregation is seated while Fr. Thomas and Vestry members come forward. The Rector then says

Introduction

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Fr. Thomas and ask for the Lord's blessings as we send him forth for his Clergy Renewal Sabbatical. We ask God to bless this intentional time of spiritual growth both for him and for our congregation, and we ask the Lord to bring he, Brittany, and their family back to us refreshed and nourished for ministry.

Readings

A reading from twenty-fourth chapter of the Book of Exodus:

17 Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights. (Exodus 24:17-18)

A reading from the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Luke:

15 But now even more the report about Jesus went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. (Luke 5:15-16)

Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Leave Litany

Rector Fr. Thomas as you journey, while we are away from one another, may our Lord richly bless you during this Clergy Renewal Sabbatical.

Asst. Rector May God's blessing be richly upon all of you while I am gone from you.

Senior Warden May the Holy Spirit fill you afresh as you rest, study, and visit new surroundings.

Asst. Rector I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

Vestry We pray that in your times of prayer, study, and travel that the Lord will renew and strengthen your heart for ministry among us.

Asst. Rector I pray that you, too, will be renewed and strengthened to serve in Jesus' name.

Congregation **We send you forth with our blessing.**

Asst. Rector I trust the Lord to watch over you in my absence and for those who assume my responsibilities to serve faithfully.

Rector Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless Fr. Thomas during his Clergy Renewal Sabbatical. Renew him for ministry through this time set aside for study, reflection, rest, travel, prayer, and the refreshment of a break from his daily tasks and routine. Grace him with your presence and keep him steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another.

Congregation **Amen.**

The congregation stands. The clergy and the Apostles Vestry process to the middle of the sanctuary and lay hands on Fr. Jack.

Laying On Of Hands

Eternal God, you fill us with every good thing and your steadfast love endures forever. We thank you for Fr. Thomas, his family, and for our life together at

Apostles Anglican Church. As he departs for his Clergy Renewal Sabbatical, send him forth with your blessing, fill him with your Holy Spirit, and bring him again into our presence empowered for service; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe
That, in Thine ocean depths, its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee:
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise not in vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Dismissal

<i>Deacon</i>	Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Announcements

Fr. Thomas's Sabbatical

Fr. Thomas begins his sabbatical tomorrow, July 13. During today's service we will be praying a blessing over Fr. Thomas and his family. Please continue praying that this time will be one of rest and refreshment for the Rydens. For more information see Apostles' Sabbatical Guide in today's bulletin.

Apostles Praying Parents

On Monday, July 13, all are invited to the monthly gathering of Apostles Praying Parents, where we will lift our children and grandchildren of all ages in prayer. If you have a prayer need but are unable to attend the meeting, you are invited to share your confidential requests with us. A prayer drop box and prayer cards are available in the Narthex. We will meet from 2:30-3:30 PM in the St. Mary Magdalene Chapel. Contact Dcn. Michelle for more information.

Kids Art Camp

Calling all kids! Join us Tuesday, July 14, and Wednesday, July 15, for Kids Art Camp from 9 AM to Noon. This year, we will explore Anglican symbols, find those symbols in the Nave, and create our own "stained glass" and bird baths. Please sign up in the Narthex. Cost is \$25 per camper, with scholarships available. Contact Dcn. Michelle for more information.

Care Group for Caregivers

Join us on Thursday, July 16, for our Care Group for Caregivers. We'll have a short devotional, get to know one another, share our prayer requests, and be a support for each other. We will meet in the Parish Library at 11 AM. Contact Dcn. David Sincerbox for more information and to sign up for email updates. Don't go it alone; join us for Care Group for Caregivers.

Apostles Men's Bible Study

Men of Apostles are invited to attend a Bible study that meets from 7:00-8:00 AM at Panera Bread (205 North Peters Road, Knoxville, TN 37923) each Friday, except for the fourth Friday of each month, when we serve breakfast at Knox Area Rescue Ministries. The group is currently studying John's gospel. For more information, please contact David LaRose (dlarose11@gmail.com).

Family Outing in the Smokies

Come join us on Saturday, July 18, for a laid-back and fun day in the Smoky Mountains. We'll meet at the Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Pavilion at 10 AM. Bring a picnic lunch, camping chairs, and something to wear if you want to swim in the creek. Don't forget bug spray and sunscreen. There are hiking trails nearby if you want to explore. Everyone is welcome! Whether you stop by for a little while or spend the whole day, we'd love to enjoy God's creation together. Please let Dcn. Michelle, know if you plan to join us so we know to look out for you. The picnic pavilion is at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area Rd N, Gatlinburg, TN, 37738—just follow the signs!

NEW FORMATION COURSE: The Healing Ministry of the Church

Have you ever wondered what Anglicans believe about healing? The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) offers three rites of healing in the Prayer Book, so we must believe something! Healing was an integral part of Jesus' ministry continued by the Apostles and bequeathed to the Church. Join us July 19 as Fr. John leads this brand new Formation Class on the nature and purpose of suffering and sickness, the rites of healing of the Church, and the ministry of healing prayer. Sign up in the Narthex.

School Supply Drive

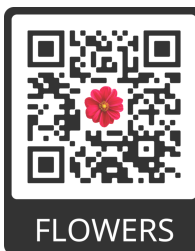
We are collecting school supplies for our neighbors at Madison Place. Pick up a supply list in the Narthex and return the supplies to the church by August 2. The church will provide a drawstring bag for each set of supplies. Mark your calendars for 12:00 (noon) on Saturday, August 8, when we will distribute supplies at Madison Place.

Help Apostles Celebrate!

Apostles' 20th Anniversary Celebration is just around the corner. And we're looking for volunteers to help with this meaningful milestone. If you're available to plan, set up, greet, serve refreshments, or clean-up, please sign up in the Narthex today. For more information, contact Everly Manes at everly.manes@gmail.com.

Donations for Flowers

If you would like to sponsor the flower arrangements for a Sunday or Special service in memory or thanksgiving for someone, please scan the QR code or contact the church office.



Save the Dates

Apostles 20th Anniversary Celebration:
Friday, August 7
& Sunday, August 9

Additional Announcements

Our Presence: Attendance	YTD Giving Report (As of July 5)
June 21: 200 June 28: 198 July 5: 198	Budgeted: \$362,570 Received: \$391,745 Difference: \$29,175

Today's Worship Servants:

Preacher:	Thomas Ryden
Celebrant:	Jack King
Deacon:	Michelle Bickers
Ushers:	Greg Davidson, David Hall
Greeter:	Juliann Walton
Readers:	Ollie Hoig, Marilyn Jorgensen, Mark Hedrick
Acolytes:	Ed Judice
Intercessor:	Marilyn Jorgensen
Altar Guild:	Kathryn McKinney, Stephanie Nester
Flowers:	Diane Baxter
Coffee:	Kevin Mischler, Ron Yoder
Audio:	Mike Sanz
Children's Ministry Volunteers:	Patty Bradshaw, Jackie Mitchell, Alyna Manes, David Freels, Stephen Mitchell



This Week at Apostles

Sunday, July 12:

- **Holy Eucharist, Choir & Organ**, 8:45 AM, Nave
 - Nursery, ages 6 weeks-5 years, Room 7
- **Formation Hour**, 10:10 AM
 - *Introduction to the Apocrypha*, Parish Hall
 - Children's Formation
 - Nursery, ages 6 weeks-5 years, Room 7
 - *God's Big Story 1 and 2*, grades K-5, Room 22
- **Holy Eucharist, Acoustic Music**, 11:15 AM, Nave
 - Nursery, ages 6 weeks-5 years, Room 7
 - Children's Church, grades K-5, Room 22

Monday, July 13:

- **Morning Prayer**, 8:30 AM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Midday Prayer**, 12 PM (Noon), St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Apostles Praying Parents**, 2:30 PM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Evening Prayer**, 4 PM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel

Tuesday, July 14:

- **Kids Art Camp**, 9 AM-12 PM (Noon), Parish Hall
- **Midday Prayer**, 12 PM (Noon), St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Evening Prayer**, 4 PM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Food Distribution**, 4:45 PM, Madison Place

Wednesday, July 15:

- **Kids Art Camp**, 9 AM-12 PM (Noon), Parish Hall
- **Women's Bible Study**, 10 AM, Karen Goldman's home (7901 Corteland Dr., 37909)
- **Midday Prayer**, 11:55 AM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Midweek Eucharist & Healing Service**, 12 PM (Noon), Nave
- **Evening Prayer**, 4 PM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel

Thursday, July 16:

- **Care Group for Caregivers**, 11 AM, Parish Library
- **Midday Prayer**, 12 PM (Noon), St. Mary Magdalene Chapel
- **Evening Prayer**, 4 PM, St. Mary Magdalene Chapel

Friday

- **Men's Bible Study**, 7-8 AM, Panera Bread (205 N. Peters Road, 37923)

Saturday, July 18:

- **Family Outing in the Smokies**, 10 AM, Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Pavilion (Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area Rd. N., Gatlinburg, TN, 37738)

The St. Mary Magdalene Chapel is open during office hours, Monday –Thursday from 9 AM to 4 PM, for anyone seeking a dedicated place to pray (except during prayer services and confession times).

Daily Office Readings

	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Morning Psalms	Evening Psalms
Sunday	Esther 8	1 Timothy 4	62, 63, 64	65, 66, 67
Monday	Esther 9 & 10	1 Timothy 5	68	69, 70
Tuesday	Ezra 1	1 Timothy 6	71, 72	73, 74
Wednesday	Ezra 3	Titus 1	75, 76, 77	78
Thursday	Ezra 4	Titus 2	79, 80, 81	82, 83, 84, 85
Friday	Ezra 5	Titus 3	86, 87, 88	89
Saturday	Esther 6	2 Timothy 1	90, 91, 92	93, 94

The Collect of the Day

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayer Cycle

Please join with us in prayer for the following ministry this week:
St. Peter's by the Lake in Counce, Tennessee.

Readings for next Sunday, July 19, 2026

The First Lesson: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The Psalm: 86

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-25

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43



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and to be His disciples in the world.

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