



15TH SUNDAY AFTER

# Pentecost

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you  
to join our family!*

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

## We Gather for Worship

**Opening Hymn: #414**      *God my king thy might confessing*      *Please stand & sing as you are able.*

**Opening Sentences:** *BCP Page 78*

*Officiant:* I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*  
The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

**Confession** *BCP Page 79* *Please sit or kneel.*

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Officiant:* 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. **Amen.**

**Invitatory** *BCP Page 80* *Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

**Antiphon**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

**Jubilate: Psalm 100** *BCP Page 82*

*Officiant:* Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

*People:* **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

*Officiant:* Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

*People:* **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Officiant:* Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

*People:* **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

*People:* **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Antiphon**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**



**Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10**



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- All:*
- 1 **My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \* |  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer. ||**
  - 2 **You are the fairest of men; \* |  
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever. ||**
  - 7 **Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \* |  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity. ||**
  - 8 **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \* |  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows. ||**
  - 9 **All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \* |  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. ||**
  - 10 **Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \* |  
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir. ||**

*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
*People:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**We Hear God's Word**

**First Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle 8: The Song of Moses**

*(Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)*

- All:*
- I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**
- The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.**
- This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.**

**The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.**

**Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

**Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of  
wonders?**

**You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.**

**With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

**You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,**

**The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

**The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **Second Lesson: James 1:17-27**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn: #656**

***Blest are the pure in heart  
(v. 1-2 before, v. 3-4 after Gospel)***

*Please stand and sing.*

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily:** Tim Holder

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**We Pray**

**Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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.**

## Suffrages: Set B

*BCP Page 98 Please be seated*

*Officiant:* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People:* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant:* Day by day we bless you;

*People:* **We praise your Name for ever.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*People:* **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant:* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*People:* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant:* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*People:* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for Sundays

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*Officiant:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Peace

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*Officiant:* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Grace

*BCP Page 100*

*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect For Mission

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*Officiant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. Patrick's, Broken Arrow; Anglican Center for Solidarity and Assistance Job Training Ministry, Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Western Kansas; Diocese of Western Louisiana; The Church in Wales.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine & B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Johnson family, Ronnie, Mike, John, Rose, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, Nancy, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Patricia, Paula, Marlene, Alissa, Cathey, Frank, Charlie, Junior, Wesley, Ronna, Rob, Jeanne, Geneva, Glen, Jackie, Ched, Frankie, Coy, Troy, Taylor, Jan, Deborah, John, Di Noia family, Teresa, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, especially...

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially...

*People:* **Sharee, Ken, Mary, Nila, Adrian, and Patrick.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

## **Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers**

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*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## **For a Birthday**

*BCP Page 830*

*Officiant:* Let us pray. O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. 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.**

## **Offertory Anthem:**

***Lord I want to be a Christian***

*Remain seated.*

## We Go Out To Do Our Work

### General Thanksgiving

*All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### Sending

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*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

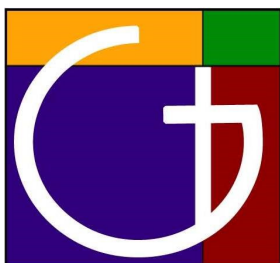
*Officiant:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### Closing Hymn: #707

***Take my life and let it be***

*Please stand and sing.*



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