



## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST | JUNE 14, 2026, AT 8 AM

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.*

*The People's responses are printed in bold.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

#### Opening Sentences

Holy Spirit, sent by the Creator, ignite in us your holy fire: Strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

#### Song of Praise

Spirit of the Living God,

**Fall afresh on me.**

Spirit of the Living God,

**Fall afresh on me.**

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God,

**Fall afresh on me.**

*—The Rev. Daniel Iverson (1890–1977), 1926, inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6*

#### Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Keep, O God, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### First Reading *seated* Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant."

So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:10-17** *said responsively by whole verse*

How shall I repay God \*  
for all the good things done for me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of God.**

I will fulfill my vows to God \*  
in the presence of all people.

**Precious in your sight, O God, \*  
is the death of your servants.**

O God, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon your holy Name.**

I will fulfill my vows to you \*  
in the presence of all your people,

**In the courts of God's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!**

**Second Reading** Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel** *standing as you are able* Matthew 9:35–10:8

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Joy Carroll Wallis

*Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *standing as you are able*

**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**

*Intercessor* Most Blessed Light, fill the hearts of all your faithful, that we may be blessings to one another and to the world. We pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Mariann and Eugene, our bishops; and for all who serve your church. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Great Guide, lead the people of this land and of all nations in your ways of justice and peace. Teach us to be good neighbors to one another. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Spirit of Life, you hovered over the waters as you began to create the cosmos. Help us to care for all your creation, respecting and loving your handiwork. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Comforter, be with all who suffer this day. Make your presence known especially to . . . and those we name now, silently and aloud . . . We know that you are near to all who are in need.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Spirit of Generosity, keep us mindful of the many blessings of this life. We give thanks especially for . . . and those gifts we name now, silently and aloud . . . Fill us with gratitude and generosity.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Eternal Spirit, give to the departed joy eternal. We remember especially . . . and those we name now, silently and aloud . . . May we all come to share in your heavenly kingdom. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

God the Holy Spirit, our Great Advocate, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through the great unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** *standing or kneeling as you are able*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Peace** *standing as you are able*

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ, and are seated for the announcements.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**At the Offertory**

*The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions. Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them unto God.**

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Columba and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken and silence observed.*

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

## Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

## Communion

*Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also appropriate to dip your wafer gently into the wine, or to receive the bread only. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.*

## Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Blessing

*The People respond* **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Liturgical Note

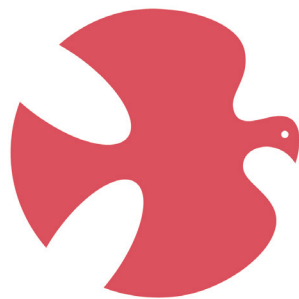
St. Columba's observes the season after Pentecost in a few segments or semi-seasons. In the first semi-season after the Feast of Pentecost, we center our focus on the Holy Spirit, who helped bring the church into being and continues to ignite our spirits.

## Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging. We also remember and lament that this plot of land was given to St. Columba's Episcopal Church by an enslaver and that the wealth created by the labor of enslaved persons helped to build this sanctuary.

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