



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Rite II  
10:30 am

# The Word of God

Prelude-Draw Us In The Spirits Tether- arr. Charles Callaban

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Awake, my soul, and with the sun (v. 1-3)*

Hymnal 11

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
\*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

*Officiant* 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.***

# Gloria

Hymnal S280 - BCP p. 356

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Genesis (28:10-19a)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### The Psalm Appointed

*Reader* The portion of the Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 139 verses 1-11 and 22-23 on page 794 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

***Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \****

***you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.***

*You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.*

*You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.*

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*

*Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?*

*If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.*

*If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

*Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.*

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"*

*Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.*

*Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.*

*Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.*

## The Epistle

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (8:12-25)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** – *Father, we thank thee who hast planted*

Hymnal 302

**We will sing verse 1 before the Gospel and verse 2 after the Gospel is read.**

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with-  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,  
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con-

Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un-to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,  
diddst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy  
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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*All stand*

## The Gospel

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:24-30,36-43).

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples

approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*Officiant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*             ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sermon**

Fr. Robert Certain

**Nicene Creed**

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*All 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 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.*

*After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant*           The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*           Let us pray.

*Officiant and 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 Prayers of the People: Form II**

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*Reader*           I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and David, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

For Robert, our Interim Rector, for our vestry and search committee, and for the members of St. Francis', Victoria and St. Andrew's, Seguin.

*Silence*

*Reader*           I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

For Art Winden, Kenneth, Amy & Gary Bethel, Morgan, Audrey Herron, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and for all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially Ann Benham, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, Karen Cook, and Rose Foegelle.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for those who devote their time to help Seguin Christian Academy.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Reader* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Officiant* Almighty Savior, who called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

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

*Officiant 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 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 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.**

### **Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel Prayers & a Prayer for Doctors and Nurses**

### **Birthdays**

*Officiant and People*

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Caston Casey, Cinde Jimenez, Morgan Stautzenberger, Mari Allmond, and Ann Ramsey 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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **Anniversaries**

*Officiant and People*

***O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Frank & Anne Galaway, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

### **Travel**

*Officiant and People*

***O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **Prayer for Doctors and Nurses**

*Officiant and People*

***Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

Prayer

*Officiant and People*

*In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise  
and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption  
won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope  
of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly  
present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I  
pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my  
heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in  
this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.  
Amen.*

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; Be of good courage; Hold fast that which is good; Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn- *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

**Dismissal**

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*Officiant*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Postlude-***O God, Our Help in Ages Past –Healey Willan*

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

**Ministers in the Lord's Service**

Officiant- Fr. Robert Certain

Lay Reader- Kelly Follis

Altar Guild- Sandy Merrell

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Camerasmen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell

Sound- Carolyn Baker

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Benton Donegan by  
Mary Louise Donegan.*

