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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JUNE 14, 2026

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II CURSILLO SUNDAY

Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silent.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Alleluia III 175

Capo 1 (Em)
Fm

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. We are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. We will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. We will
 4. All__ praise to the Fa - ther from__ whom all things come, and all

(Am) (Em)
5 Bbm Fm

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
 praise to Christ Je - sus,__ His on - ly Son, and all

(Am) (Em)
9 Bbm Fm

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 ge - ther we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save__ each one's pride.
 praise to the Spir - it, who__ makes__ us__ one.

13 *Refrain* (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

17 (Am) (Em) (Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Fm

love. Yes, they'll know_ we are Chris-tians by our love._____

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.

Hymn of Praise

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Alleluia III 109

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing_ Your
prais - es._____ I'm so glad You're in___ my life;
I'm so glad You came___ to save us.
You came from hea - ven to earth___ to show the way,
_ From the earth_____ to the cross___ my debt to pay;



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, 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.

The Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

The people sit.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

¹ Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
 serve the LORD with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.

² Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his
 pasture.

³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

⁴ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his faithfulness endures from age to
 age.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Procession to Children's Church

All children are invited to come forward and follow the procession to Children's Church and return at the Peace.

Sequence Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Alleluia III 59



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo-ple's cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save._____
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way._____
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save._____



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?_____
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?_____
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?_____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if You
lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

People 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mr. Jeff Akamatsu

The Nicene Creed

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 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.

The Prayers of the People

The People stand or kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda, our Diocesan Bishop; Richard, our Bishop-elect; Chase and Sam, our Clergy; all those discerning a call to Holy Orders, especially Julia; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Kent, our Mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

This morning we pray for _____.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

[This morning we remember _____.] Give to 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 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 Priest stands and says

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.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

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 these your servants, 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

Alleluia III 13

D G/D D

1. A - maz - ing_ grace, how sweet_ the sound, that
 2. 'Twas grace that_ taught my heart_ to fear,_ and
 3. The Lord has_ prom - ised good_ to me,_ His
 4. The earth shall_ soon dis - solve_ like snow, the

4 A/D

saved a_ wretch like_ me. I
 grace my_ fears re - lieved. How
 word my_ hope se - cures. He
 sun for - bear to_ shine. But

6 D D/F# G D

once was_ lost,_ but now I'm found, was
 pre - cious. did_ that grace ap - pear,_ the
 will my_ shield_ and por - tion be,_ as
 God who_ called_ me here be - low,_ will

8 A/D 1. D 2. 3. 4. D

blind but_ now_ I sec. 2. 'Twas
 hour I_ first_ be - lieved.
 long as_ life_ en dures.
 be for - ev - er mine.

Refrain

11 D/F# G D

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my

Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a

16 G Bm
flood His mer - cy reigns, un - end - ing

18 Em⁷ A⁷ D
love, a - maz - ing grace

Presentation Hymn

Doxology
Alleluia III 222

All stand as the gifts are brought forward

C Gsus⁴ G C
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

4 Gsus⁴ G C/E F C Am G/B
Him, all crea-tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

7 C D G C Gsus⁴ G C
lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove ye heaven - ly host: praise

10 Gsus⁴ G F/A F⁶ / G⁷ C/E Dm⁷ C

Fa - ther Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

13 F⁶ G⁷ Am G C D G Am G

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

15 C⁶ D G/B A/C# Dm C/E F⁶ G G⁷ C

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing.

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 to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

Sanctus (Schubert)

Alleluia III 227

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.____

Hea-ven and earth are full,____ full____ of Your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanks-giving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

More Precious Than Silver

Alleluia III 115

Capo 2 (C) (G) (F) (C) /
D A G D

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver.

5 (C) (G) (F) (G)
D A G A

Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.

9 (C) (G) (F) (C)
D A G D

Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful than dia - monds, and

13 (Dm7) (C/E) (F) (Gsus) (G) (C)
Em7 D/F# G Asus A D

noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You.

Communion Hymn

O Lord, You're Beautiful

Alleluia III 116

Capo 2 (C) (F) (C) (G)

 D G D A

1. O Lord, You're beau - ti - ful, _____ Your
2. O Lord, please light the fire _____ that

5 (C) (F) (C) (G) (G7)

 D G D A A7

face is all I see. _____ And
once burned bright and clear. _____ Re -

9 (Am) (E) (Am) (G) (C)

 Bm F# Bm A D

when Your eyes are on this child Your
place the lamp of my first love that

13 (Dm7) (Am) (G) (F) (C)

 Em7 Bm A G D

grace a - bounds to me. _____
burns with ho - ly ly fear. _____

Lay Eucharistic Visitors may be sent out from a Sunday worship service with these words

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, _____, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

All stand

Processional Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

Alleluia III 69

Capo 1

(G) (Em) (Bm)
Ab Fm Cm

1. _____ I am the bread of life; _____ they who
2. The bread that _____ I will give _____ is my
3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat _____ of the
4. _____ I am the res - ur - rec - tion, _____
5. _____ Yes, Lord, _____ we be - lieve _____ that _____

4

(C) (Dsus⁴) (D) (G) (Bm⁷)
Db Ebsus⁴ Eb Ab Cm⁷

come to Me shall not _____ hun - ger, _____ they who be - lieve in Me shall not
flesh for the life of the world, _____ and they who eat _____ of this
flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____ drink _____ of His
I _____ am the _____ life. _____ They who be - lieve _____ in _____
You _____ are the _____ Christ, _____ the _____ Son _____ of _____

7

(C) (G) (Bm) (Em)
Db Ab Cm Fm

thirst, _____ No one can come to Me _____ un -
bread, _____ they shall live for ev - er, _____
blood, you shall not have life with - in you, you
Me, _____ e - ven _____ if they die, _____
God, _____ who _____ has _____ come in -

10

(C) (D)
Db Eb

less the Fa - ther draw them.
they shall _____ live for ev - er.
shall not have life with - in you.
they shall _____ live for ev - er.
to _____ the _____ world. _____

12 *Refrain* (G) (D) (G) (C)
 Ab Eb Ab Db

And I will raise_____ them up,_____ and I will raise_____ them
Al - le - lu - - ia!_____ Al - le - lu - -

16 (D) (G) (C) (G/D) (D) (G)
 Eb Ab Db Ab/Eb Eb Ab

up,_____ and I will raise_____ them up___ on the last_____ day.
ia!_____ Al - le - lu - - ia!___ Al - le - lu - - ia!

The Dismissal

The People are dismissed and respond

People Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	D Hall, Lyla Peebles
Lector	Sandy Barr
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Betty Weaver
Acolytes	Kathy Landis, Danny Morgan, Jackie Joiner
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson
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