



Christ Episcopal Church
Holy Eucharist
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16 2023 10:30 am

If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.

Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.

Cover art: Jesus Mafa, “The Sower,” 1971, Cameroon

The organ music today is based on the melody of our first hymn, #440 in the *Hymnal 1982*. The melody “Liebster Jesu wir sind hier” (Dearest Jesus, we are here) was written by the 17th century German composer and theorist Johann Rudolf Ahle.

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

J. S. Bach

BWV 754

At the tolling of the bell, all rise as able and face the baptismal font.

Processional Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”

Hymnal 1982 440

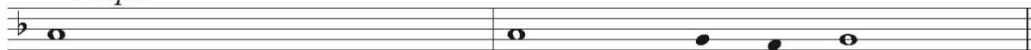
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant



Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People



And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Hymn of Praise




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;



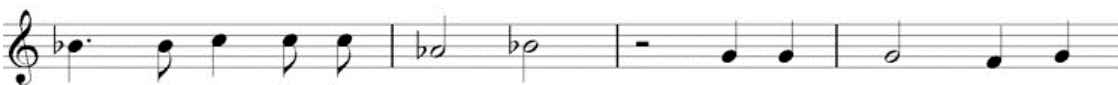
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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.

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65: 1-14

Assembly sings Refrain.



You are to be praised, O God, in Zi-on,



to you shall vows be per-formed in Je - ru - sa - lem.

- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. **Refrain**



You are to be praised, O God, in Zi-on,



to you shall vows be per-formed in Je - ru - sa - lem.

- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water. **Refrain**

- 10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, band the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing. **Refrain**

The Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation

Sing with choir and then repeat Alleluia after choir sings the verse.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____

The seed is the word of God and Christ is the sower.

All who come to him will live forever.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Catharine Reid

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

The Prayers

Deacon: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is in G-clef (treble clef) and the bottom staff is in F-clef (bass clef). Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff is labeled 'Deacon or Cantor' and contains a melody of five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The bottom staff is labeled 'People (unison or harmony)' and contains a harmonic accompaniment of five chords: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The lyrics 'Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.' are written below the notes.

Concluding Collect

All kneel or bow as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

The Book of Common Prayer, page 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are welcome to offer a word or gesture of peace to your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

All are seated.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

Offertory Music

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

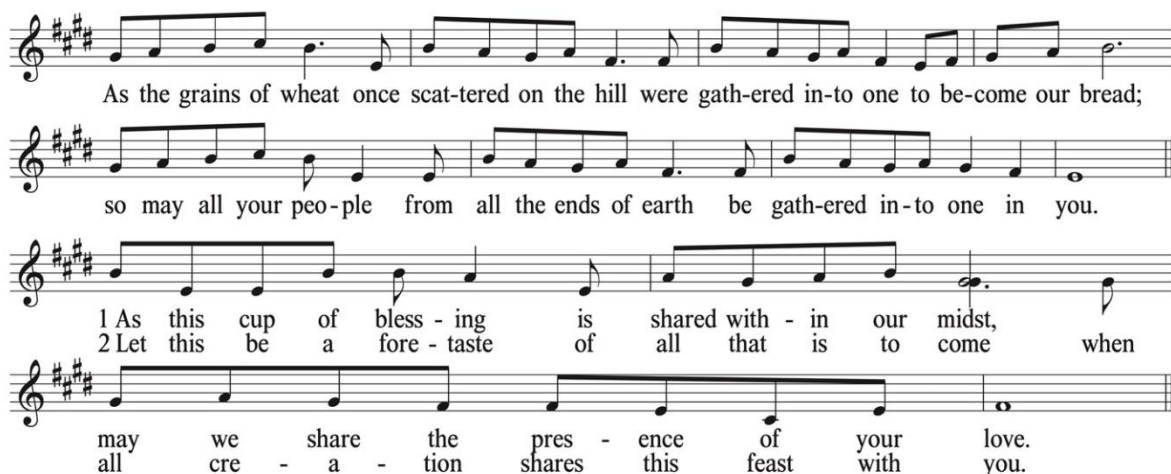
J. S. Bach

BWV 731

All rise as able.

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts

“As the Grains of Wheat”



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in-to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The Great Doxology

Celebrant *People*

A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor/choir sings refrain, all repeat.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Come to the altar platform along the **middle aisle** of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by **the central or outer aisle**.*

Communion Music

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”
(melody in soprano)

J. G. Walther

Communion Anthem

Summer Choir

Communion Meditation

Your field is the world.

We are sown as your seed, your grain.

The grain did not choose to be sown

Yet it contained a yearning when it was scattered.

Whether it fell into a thicket of thorns,

On solid granite, on fertile soil or arid sand,

The place is predetermined.

Wait, grain, for time!

Put forth your buds.

Entrust yourself to the swing of the sower's hand:

Where you fall, there is your proper field.

~ Walter Bergengruen, *The Grains of the Field*, early 20th century

All rise as able.

Post Communion Collect

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Almighty and everliving God,

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 forever. Amen.

Blessing

As the ministers process to the doors, all turn toward the baptismal font.

Recessional Hymn

“Father, We Thank Thee”

Hymnal 1982 302

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

““Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”
(*melody in bass*)

J. G. Walther

*The flowers are given by Doug Worth in
loving memory of his father, Douglas Haig Worth.*

Welcome

Today we welcome Mother Catharine Reid as guest priest. Fr. Torvend is in Minnesota as a PLU delegate to a higher education conference and as a speaker at conference on worship and climate change at Saint John’s University. He will return on July 23.

Welcome to Newcomers: If you would like to know more about our way of life, and subscribe to our *Weekly E-news*, fill out the Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plates. Worry not: we won’t besiege you with emails. We invite you to explore our website and participate in any activities which interest you.

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Catharine Reid; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Shelby Clayson; Acolyte: Pam Vidan; Lector: Gordon Craig; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; the Christ Church Summer Choir; Ushers: Len Johnson, Doug Worth, Hector Arellano; Altar Guild: Ginny Peterson, Caroline Huckaby, Mary Kay Kubovec, and Pam Vidan; Coffee Hour Host: Fran Blair

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