

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

20 July 2025 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn #100 "Joy to the World"

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria in excelsis

BCP 355
BCP 356

The Collect of the Day:

O God, you have caused this holy season to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare God's glory among the nations *
God's wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For God is great and greatly to be praised; *
more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is God who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to God honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
bring offerings and come into God's courts.
- 9 Worship the MOST HIGH in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before God.

- 10 Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
and will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before God who will come, *
who will come to judge the earth.
- 13 God will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with truth.

The Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

Hymn #89 "It came upon a midnight clear"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought

forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.⁹ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and The babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Th Prayers of the People Form II

BCP 383

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our

neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace BCP 360

Offertory Hymn #83 “O come all ye faithful”

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving EP C BCP 369
Sanctus BCP 367

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction BCP 364

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #79 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Post Communion Prayer

Hymn #101 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

The Blessing

Hymn #93 “Angels from the realms of glory”

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982 and *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 1993

Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter* 2004

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Casey Dagenhardt, Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Terry Ebersole, Betty Burdge, and Jennifer.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

Readers and Greeters — July-August 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

July 20 th	Tina Grate & Colleen Curry
July 27 th	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie
Aug. 3 rd	Donna Carosi & Lisa Bell-Loncella
Aug. 10 th	Richard Burkert & Donovan Pendell
Aug. 17 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Tina Grata
Aug. 24 th	Pam Hysong & Doug Zawiskie
Aug. 31 st	Donna Corosi & Lisa Bell-Loncella

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

July 20 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
July 27 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
Aug. 3 rd	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
Aug. 10 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
Aug. 17 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Aug. 24 th	Richard Burkert & Joanna Lacko
Aug. 31 st	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko

Sunday: Christmas in July 15, 2025
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 20th 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

July 24th 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Next Sunday: The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27th 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20 July 2025

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak;
Scott Solak and all Clergy Spouses

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

As a Loving Birthday Remembrance

Donald Hysong

July 24th

Pam

In Loving Memory of

Frank Stineman

Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 18:20-23

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service*