

# The Second Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 7

June 22, 2025

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome to Advent Episcopal Church. Our worship service follows the Book of Common Prayer and includes Holy Communion in which all may receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. Hymn numbers preceded by the letter "H" are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. The hymn numbers preceded by the letter "L" are found in the red and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing II.*  
*Thank you for joining us for worship today!*

*Acknowledging the people of the land, the Hohokam, and other indigenous people as the original stewards of this land, we give thanks for our ancestors, our elders, and for all indigenous people who pray for unity and peace today.*

Prelude

**Hymn** H 388

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

**Celebrant** 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.**

**All** **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**  
**we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**  
**receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One,**  
**you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**  
**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.  
O Lord, make us have a perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson 1 Kings 19:1-7

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."

**All      Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 43**

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
    and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
    deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;  
    why have you put me from you? \*  
    and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
    and bring me to your holy hill  
    and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
    to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
    and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
    and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; \*  
    for I will yet give thanks to him,  
    who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

### **The Second Lesson      Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**              H 654

**Deacon**            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**People**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Gospel      Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the

bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ</b>
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father 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 and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He had 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**

Leader	O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, and your saving health among all nations. We pray especially for the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all elected and appointed officials in our nation. Lord, in your mercy,
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church; guide and govern us by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. We pray

especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop. Jennifer our Bishop and the clergy and lay leaders of our parish. Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body or spirit; comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints. Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** **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.**

Celebrant 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.

**People** **Amen.**

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

**All** **And also with you.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

*Offertory Sentence*

*Offertory Music*

**All** Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
 Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
 Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*BCP 361*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

*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."

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**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 thanksgiving. 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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**All**                **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Priest**            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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup of wine offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both.*

*Celebrant*                The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Communicant**           **Amen.**

*Deacon*                 The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
**Communicant**           **Amen.**

**Hymn**                                *"Jesus Calls Us"*

*Verse 1*                Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
                              of our life's wild, restless sea;  
                              day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
                              saying, "Christian, follow me!"

*Verse 2*                As of old the apostles heard it  
                              by the Galilean lake,  
                              turned from home and toil and kindred,  
                              leaving all for Jesus' sake.

*Verse 3*                Jesus calls us from the worship  
                              of the vain world's golden store,  
                              from each idol that would keep us,  
                              saying, "Christian, love me more!"

*Verse 4*                In our joys and in our sorrows,  
                              days of toil and hours of ease,  
                              still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
                              "Christian, love me more than these!"

*Verse 5*                Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
                              Savior, may we hear thy call,  
                              give our hearts to thine obedience,  
                              serve and love thee best of all.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** **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 the 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 Jesus 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 Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** L 99

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Dismissal Response **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

