



# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024  
10:15 A.M.

**Prelude** "Jesus, Lead Thou On" *arr.* Paul Mantz

**Processional Hymn 450** "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!" *Coronation*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation** The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

**Collect for Purity** p. 355

**Gloria in excelsis S280** Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day** p. 230

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10** The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 276

*Commentary: Following God's guidance, David returned to Judah after Saul's death. Hebron stood about twenty miles southwest of Jerusalem, in the Judean hill country. David ruled as Judah's king for more than seven years, then he finally gained the throne over the entire nation of Israel, as God had ordained. Jerusalem was well positioned to be Israel's capital. It was more centrally located than Hebron and its elevation made it relatively easy to defend. Jerusalem became known as the City of David and the new king prospered there, because God was with him.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

**2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy  
of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world  
and the city of the great King.**

3 God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.

**4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.**

5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.

**6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea  
when the east wind shatters them.**

7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.

**8 We have waited in silence on your  
loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.**

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,  
reaches to the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.

**10 Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.**

11 Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.

**12 Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.**

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

### The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

p. 1059

*Commentary: In referring to his vision, Paul spoke of himself in the third person, probably to minimize the appearance of boasting. What Paul heard in heaven was a personal message, there is no record that Paul ever revealed what God had said to him. However, the message had the effect of strengthening Paul's faith and giving him the assurance that God would richly reward his sufferings. As an added incentive toward humility, Paul had been given a thorn in his flesh, a reminder of his human limitations. Although Paul wanted the thorn removed, God intended something better, using the thorn to teach Paul dependence on God and the sufficiency of His grace. Paul learned that success does not come from natural abilities but from God's power at work in and through His servants.*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn 671

“Amazing grace!”

*New Britain*

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

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Steve Thomas, *Seminarian*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People - Form IV**

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*The response to each petition:*

...Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**

“Alleluia”

William Boyce

**Presentation Hymn 380**

*third stanza only*

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C**

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**Sanctus S129**

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Powell

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Fraction Anthem: S152**

Mason Martens

**The Communion of the People**

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

## Communion Hymns

Hymn 719	“O beautiful for spacious skies ”	<i>Materna</i>
Hymn 653	“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”	<i>Repton</i>
Hymn 660	“O Master let me walk with thee”	<i>Maryton</i>

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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

### Closing Hymn 690

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

*Cwm Rhondda*

## The Dismissal

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## Postlude

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

J. S. Bach



### *Downtown*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Beth Lilly  
Preacher: Steve Thomas, Seminarian  
Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

### *Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
Music: Steve Mueller*

### *St. Mary's, Burgaw*

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Bill Milholland*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Palmer Haire Waters, Owen William Waters, Jr., Lynn Billington Waters, Norman Glendon Chafin, Jr.*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., JULY 8-12

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

### MONDAY, JULY 8

- VESTRY MEETING  
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.  
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
8:00 AM | Starbucks on 16th St.

- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON  
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

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