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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

June 7, 2026..... 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Cantabile in B minor..... Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 401The God of Abraham praise LEONI

The liturgy continues on Page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO S-280 Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Hosea 5:15–6:6

Thus says the LORD: “I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ‘Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.’ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

METRICAL PSALM 50:7-15 ST. AGNES



- 1. “Hear, O my peo - ple, I will speak; O Is - rael, hear this word,
- 2. “I do not judge your off - er - ings, al - ways be - fore my face.
- 3. “For all the for - est beasts are mine, the herds are in my sight;
- 4. “I would not tell you if I lacked, for all the world is mine.
- 5. Off - er to God a sac - ri - fice, keep your vow care - ful - ly;



- 1. my wit - ness now a - gainst you all, for I am God the Lord.
- 2. I claim no bull - calf from your stalls, nor he - goats from their place.
- 3. I know the crea - tures of the field and ev - ‘ry bird in flight.
- 4. Is it the blood of goats I drink, on bull’s flesh that I dine?”
- 5. “In trou - ble call and I will save and you shall hon - or me.”

Paraphrase by Christopher L. Webber

THE EPISTLE Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the

promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

HYMN 706 In your mercy, Lord, you called me..... **HALTON HOLGATE**

THE HOLY GOSPELMatthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, p. 358

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH

Deacon Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands.
Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of all your Saints,

We thank you, Lord.

After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book, p. 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing AZMON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A Prayer Book, p. 361

SANCTUS S-129 R.J. Powell

FRACTION ANTHEM Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Organ

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your

beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

HYMN There is a balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound - ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not preach like Paul,
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,

but then the Ho - ly Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, and say he died for all.
 and if you lack for know-ledge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Words and Music: Spiritual

HYMN Heal me, hands of Jesus..... SHARPE

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain:
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
 3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
 4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease

re - store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
 dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, BLESSING, AND DISMISSAL..... Prayer Book, p. 366



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

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Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SundayHoly Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m. (Nave)
Continuing Feast, Noon (Undercroft)
Organ recital, 1:30 p.m. (Nave); doors open at 1:15

TuesdayMorning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)

ThursdayMorning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. (Hope House)

Monday–SaturdayDaily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

The **final half-hour organ recital** in this year's series will be **today at 1:30 p.m.**

The opening concert of the **Shreveport Summer Music Festival** will be **next Sunday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m.**

The **card-writing ministry** meets every **First Tuesday** of the month at **10:30** in the Library.

The **reading group** meets every **First and Third Wednesday** of the month at **10:00** in the Library.

For more information, please call Laura at (318) 564-3590 or text Holly at (662) 279-6801.

*The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God;
in memory of the 132 founders of this church, the Rev. Milton Williams (Priest-in-Charge 1954),
and the Rev. R. Francis Hipwell (Priest-in-Charge 1954–1956, Rector 1956–1962);
and in celebration of the Seventy-Second Anniversary of the Dedication of The Church of the Holy Cross.*

*This week we remember Warren Barney Bernard, Joanna Van Smith Butcher, Robert Carlton Chatham Jr.,
Luther Pearl Cooley, George Freeman Jr., Elena F. de Mendia Gooden, Louise Pratt Johnson, Walter E. Koch Sr.,
Betty Sue McKeever, and William Beebee Moore Jr., buried from Holy Cross.*