

August 7, 2022
Proper 14

Call to Worship (*Psalm 50*)

One: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

All: The earth declares God's beauty.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: God's word shines forth in glory.

Hymn 307 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Prayer of Confession
(*Isaiah 1*)

All: Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[silent confession]

Amen.

Prayer of Declaration

One: God is merciful and kind; though our sins are like scarlet, they become like snow. Be at peace, for your sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Psalm 33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
13 The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
14 From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—
15 he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.
16 A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.
18 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
19 to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
21 Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Genesis 15:1-6

15After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?''* 3And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord * reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Luke 12:32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he* would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Prayer of Dedication
(*Psalm 33, Genesis 15*)

**All: Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home.
Accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that they would increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (To be sung together)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution
The Communion of the People

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Hymn 362

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”