



The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 a.m.

July 27, 2025

**Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA**

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 410

"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven..."

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Ever more his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People 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*

The following is sung, all standing

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with

you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

Colossians 2:6-19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"Lord Be Glorified"

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In our home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our home, Lord, be glorified today.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers

from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Katherine Frederick

Nicene Creed

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

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Called as we all are to give Jesus to the world, in faith we gather as a Church in prayer, asking our Gracious God to hear our needs and the needs of all who asked us to remember them in our prayers:

Reader: As if speaking in tongues, let your spirit descend upon us.

People: ***Breathe on me, breath of God***

Reader: We pray for your Universal Church, its members and its mission. We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean, for Bishop Megan, for our diocese and for this congregation. We pray for Rev. John, Rev. Katherine and for our church leadership.

People: ***God be in our faith, our mission, and our parish.***

Reader: We pray for our nation and those in authority. Help them align their spirit with yours and end division with a sincere, peaceful and helpful disposition.

People: God give us grace with a peaceful and helpful disposition.

Reader: We pray for the welfare of the world. Like the Spirit of God helped overcome the barriers of nationality, language, and social status, we pray that all the people of the world can overcome their differences with unity, peace and understanding.

People: God be in our heads and in our understanding.

Reader: We pray for the concerns of our local community and its resources. Let us be aware of opportunities to serve and not shut our eyes because we don't want to see protests, lines of hungry people, grieving families, and those who are different than ourselves.

People: God be in our eyes and in our looking.

Reader: We pray for those who suffer and those in any trouble. Let us not say hurtful, cynical or mean-spirited things. Let us speak as one body to find words of encouragement and faith, especially to our children and the vulnerable.

People: God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

Reader: We pray for peace from above, for your loving kindness, and for the salvation of our souls. We pray especially for (read Prayer List here). With all our heart and mind,

People: God be in our hearts and in our loving.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to Your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that You are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings:

Alexander Cocuzza (7/27)

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn

"Give thanks with a grateful heart..."

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (x2)

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. (x 2)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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Doxology

Hymnal 380 v.3

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 A

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.**

Celebrant:

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 the Angels and Archangels, and with the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, heaven and earth are full of
your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.


Then 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." 

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

Celebrant and People

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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore
let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town, "shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious background, age race, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion.

Organ Voluntary

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 488

"Be Thou My Vision"

1 . Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be nought to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.***

Priest's Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and
the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

"I Will Sing, I Will Sing"

I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord.
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord:
Alleluia! Glory to the Lord!

Chorus:

Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord!
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord!
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord!
Alleluia, glory to the Lord!

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of the Epiphany Altar Guild

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

Lector: Kate Hitchcock, Prayers: Emma Green, LEM/Acolyte: Nick Carlson,

Usher: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour: After the service in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Vestry meeting: 11 a.m. in Parish Hall

Today at Epiphany

Daily Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays on Facebook Live or Epiphany Vacaville's YouTube channel.

Nightly Compline Service: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

Music Rehearsal: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Come make a joyful noise!



Church of the Epiphany

Epiphany exists to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the community as we share God's love by feeding ALL.

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- Filling in for clerk as we discern our next clerk

The Members of the Congregation are the Ministers of the Church