



Holy Communion: Rite II

23rd of August, 2026

11:00

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

There is a **nursery** available upstairs.
Children's Chapel: ages 4 - 11, during the service.

Welcome to Galilee Church!

Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled you've joined us for Week 6 of our 7-week summer sermon-series on the enigmatic epistle of Revelation. Our focus has been the seven blessings promised to the Church by an angel sent by Jesus to the author, John. Today the blessing is this—from verse 7: “Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” So, what does *that* mean? How can one keep the words *of a prophecy*? Isn't a ‘prophecy’ a *prediction* (of future events)? —Either they happen or they don't, no? —I will do my best to satisfy you with a plausible interpretation of the passage, but whether I am successful or not in this regard, I do pray you will thoroughly appreciate our morning together.

Fr. Ben

Assisting Our Worship Today

Officiants:	The Rev. Dr. Ben Randall & The Rev. Dr. Dominick D. Hankle
Organist & Choirmaster:	Mary Dolch
Acolytes:	Drew Bryant, David Foley & Win Williston
Altar Guild:	Maria Whitaker (CH), Judy Aspinwall, Becky Cottrell, Dianne Frantz, Bryant McGann, Martha McGann & Mary Kaye Tyson
Greeters:	Suzanne & Pat Gravitt
Hospitality:	You're Covered Team
LEMs:	David Banica & Tony Zontini
Lectors:	Mary Grace Williston & Win Williston
Prayer:	Al Smith
Ushers:	Hunter Folck & Phillip Folck



*The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of their mothers, Betty Darden Hodges and Madeleine Perkins Jehl,
given by Betty Driver and Jim McCaa.*

Prelude: Chorale-Prelude on the Tune “St. Peter”

Harold Darke

*“How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.”*

Processional Hymn: No. 518 Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

Opening Acclamation:

BCP, p. 355

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Gloria: S278

Glory to God

William Mathias

(Sung by all.)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

The Collect:

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Children are dismissed for chapel.)

Holy Scripture:

(1) *Isaiah 51:1-6*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(2) *Psalm 138*

Confitebor tibi

Scottish Chant

(Sung by all.)



¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole | heart; *
before the gods | I will | sing your | praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your | Name, *
because of your | love and | faith-ful- | ness;

³ For you have glori- | fied your | Name *
and your | word a- | bove all | things.

4 When I called, you | an-swered | me; *
you in- | creased my | strength with- | in me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O | LORD, *
when they have heard the | words | of your | mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways | of the | LORD, *
that great is the | glo-ry | of the | LORD.

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the | lowly; *
he perceives the | haught-y | from a- | far.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me | safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
| your right | hand shall | save me.

9 The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for | me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the | works | of your | hands.

(3) ***Revelation 22:1-11***

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. ⁶ And he said to me, 'These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.' ⁷ 'See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.' ⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; ⁹ but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!' ¹⁰ And he said to me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.'

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: No. 334 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

(Please remain standing.)

⁽⁴⁾ ***The Gospel:***

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

(Please be seated.)

The Sermon:

Fr. Ben

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Nicene Creed:

BCP, p. 358

Prayers:

(Kneeling)

BCP, p. 387

The Peace:

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

People: *And also with you.*

(Children return from children's chapel.)

Announcements:

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Offertory: Gift of Finest Wheat

arr. by David Cherwein

Played by Meagan Springer, Organ Scholar, and Jeff Springer, flute

This is Meagan's final Sunday with us before she goes off to Wofford College. As we send our prayers with her, we're especially thankful for all the musical gifts she has shared with Galilee!

Doxology:

Old Hundredth

(Sung by all.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

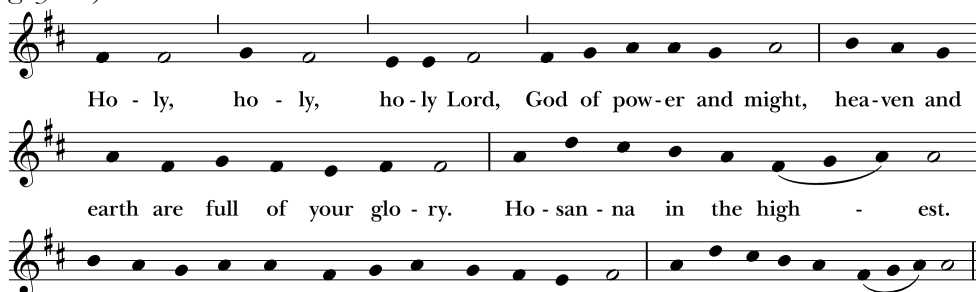
The Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus: S124

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd

(Sung by all.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and'. The second staff continues with 'earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff concludes with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

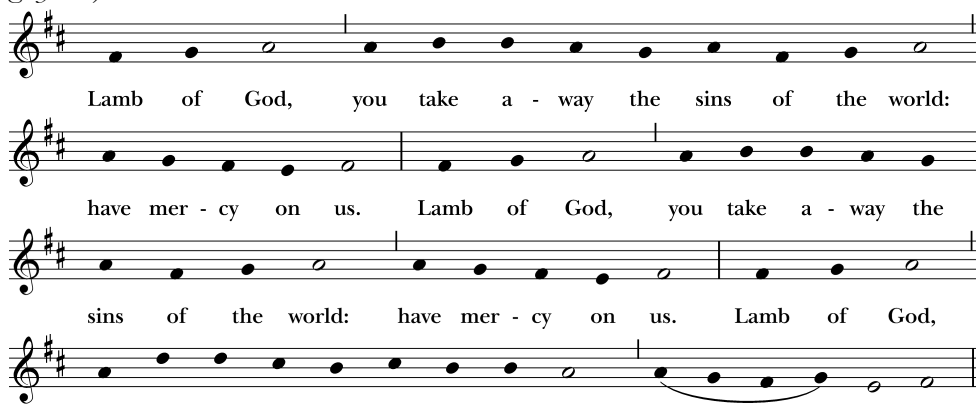
Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.*People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***The Lord's Prayer:**

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S161

Lamb of God

David Hurd

(Sung by all.)

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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:'. The second staff continues with 'have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The third staff continues with 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,'. The fourth staff concludes with 'you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.**Distribution of Communion****Communion Hymn:** No. 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord*Land of Rest***The Blessing**

Final Hymn: No. 522 Glorious things of Thee are spoken

Austria

The Dismissal:

Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Postlude: Entrée from op. 62

Marcel Dupré

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Our prayer team is available to pray with you in St. Luke's Chapel following the service.



For Your Prayers:

Healing – Herb Soles, Mark Delaney, Shawn Cline, Ranny Randolph Sr, Jim McCaa, Martha Darden, Emily Rigotti, Susan Schrodt, Carol, Tony, Jimmy Jordan, John Correll, Rebekah Randall, Steve Schaefer, Hugh Patterson, Kristi Deeley, Janie O'Brien, Sedonia Triepel, Terri, Sally, Jim, Webb family, Conrad Akers, Tom, Terry, Blair, Allen, Carol Kennelly, Karen W., Rev. Marguerite

Expectant Mothers – Olivia Lyons, Sarah Elizabeth Gray Mikac, Nell Malbon Collins, Mary Fletcher, Kelsey Jones, Sheppard Atkinson, Cynthia Longworth, Chloe Vlk Myers, Meredith Mansfield

Parishioners in the Military – Stephen, Andrew, Angela, Bill, Erin, Evan, Hannah, Hugh, Jim, John, Josh, Matt, Michael, Rick, Sean, Strock, Will, Bryan, Joe, Tom, Sully, Ryan, Logan, Chris, Andrew, David, Clarke, Chris, Lauren, Lauren R., Ian, Charlie, Matt, Alex, Rafe, Samuel, Otis, Patrick, Rob, Blake, Mary, Parker, Lincoln, Jason, Chase, Rich, Joseph, Ailsa, Palmer, Mark, J.E.B., Henry, Joseph, Matthew

Birthdays – **23:** William Old, **24:** Barbara Parker, Tip Brown, Carl Pelton, Landon Moore, **25:** Molly Rueger, Joe DiGeronimo, **26:** Christy Borjes, Lynne Kohm, **27:** Ned Lee, Tripp Tucker, **28:** William Conrad, Marin Eberly, Preston Lea, Chad Gangwer, **29:** Michael Moore, Richard Burroughs

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