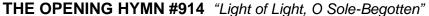
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 7, 2024

"God's Gracious Power for Our Weakness"

THE WELCOME





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(please stand)

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have

sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 123 (ESV)

- P: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!
- C: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
- P: as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,
- C: so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.
- P: Have mercy upon us,
- C: O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- P: Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.
- C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE KYRIE ~ "Lord, Have Mercy"



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (page 204 in the hymnal)

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 2:1-5 (ESV)

And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (ESV)

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man 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 this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE (page 205 in the hymnal)

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve That Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works 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. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching. And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged 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 put on two tunics. And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

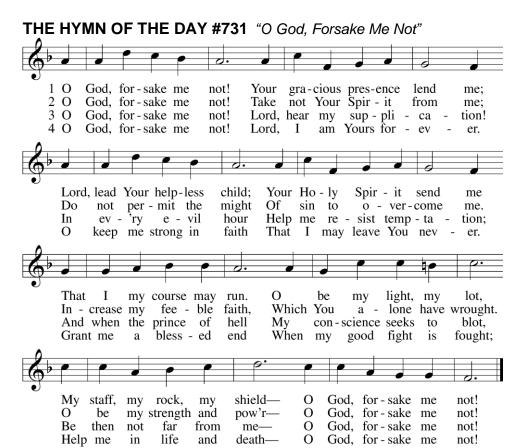
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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THE SERMON "God's Gracious Power for Our Weakness" Text: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS "Baptized into Your Name" (#590, verse 4)
All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Let us pray to the Lord," "Lord, have mercy.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

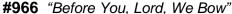
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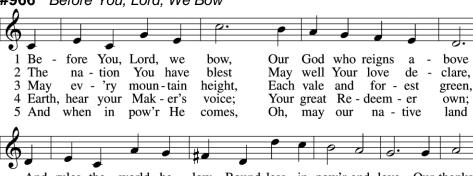
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And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay. 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate-ful song. your pride, Your sin de-plore, And bow be-fore The Cru-ci-fied. less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal-va-tion's song!

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THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ★ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord God, we have received the body and blood of Your Son for the forgiveness of our sin. For this foretaste of the feast to come, we give You thanks, gracious heavenly Father. Strengthen us, we pray, that we may rely on You to deliver us from any trouble, that we may resist the efforts of Satan and our sinful flesh to draw us away from You, and to be bold in proclaiming Your love in word and deed to all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C: Amen.

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