

# ***Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit***

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



**August 7, 2022**

**9:30 am**

**Sunday Proper 14**

**Morning Prayer**

**Rite II**

**WELCOME EVERYONE**

If you are our guest today, or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless  
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## Morning Prayer Rite II

*Stand up, Stand up for Jesus*

Hymnal 561

### Opening Hymn

Welcome

Peace

*Officiant:* The Peace of the Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### Invitatory & Psalter

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People together,*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People together,*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### Psalm 33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.

- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6**

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." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But 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." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah**

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Canticle 21 You are God**

*Officiant and People together,*

**You are God: we praise you;**

**You are the Lord; we acclaim you;**

**You are the eternal Father:**

**All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,**

**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

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

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you; Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

### **Third Lesson; Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 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. 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## Message

Terri Storm

### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness  
of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

### Suffrages A

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## Prayers of the People *[Please kneel or be seated]*

*The reader and people pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, \_\_\_\_\_, our partners in the diocese of Dominican Republic \_\_\_\_\_. In the parish cycle of prayer, \_\_\_\_\_, for this gathering; and for all strive to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; Tom, our priest; Terri, our postulant for the diaconate, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our President, Joe Biden; our Governor, Pete Ricketts; for all elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

**That there may be justice and peace on earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Lord, we lift up those in our congregation, and those we know, who are ill; especially: , \_\_\_\_\_ are there others?

We also pray for those with special concerns; especially; \_\_\_\_\_ are there others?

Lord, have compassion on those that suffer from any grief or trouble.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We remember all those who have died [especially], \_\_\_\_\_ (are there others?) Give to all the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

We pray for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those who are deployed: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Be with them and their families Lord, to give them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace.

We ask that you watch over those who travel; especially; \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Keep them safe as only you can.

We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; \_\_\_\_\_; are there others? *[pause]* and those who are celebrating anniversaries, especially; \_\_\_\_\_ are there others?

*The Reader adds a concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of you people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

**Offertory Hymn**

*If Thou But Trust in God*

**Hymnal 707**

**Doxology**

**Hymnal 380v3**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant: and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant:*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen.**

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

**Going forth Hymn**

*I Know not Where*

**Hymnal 647**

The Dismissal

BCP 340



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Bill French in Thanksgiving for Kathleen French and our 46th Wedding Anniversary

## This Week's Highlights

**Journeys Sign-up:** Are you between the ages of 12-18 (or entering grades 6-12) and interested in learning more about our Journeys program? If so, please stop by the Spirit Hub and leave us your name and number. Fr. Tom or one of our staff will get in touch to answer your questions. Returning youth are invited to sign in at the Spirit Hub as well. A program update will be in the August issue of The Flame.

**Sunday School Open House:** Mark your calendars. SS Open house will take place following our 9:30 service on Sunday, 14 Aug. Stop by the classrooms to meet our staff and check out what our youth will be doing this fall.

**Education for Ministry (EfM): Registration is Open!** EfM seminars help us focus on the journey with God. EfM participants share stories and learn from one another as they deepen their understanding of the riches of the Christian tradition. Our diverse, inter-state, small on-line group meets starting after Labor Day through Memorial Day. The 4-year, accredited EfM program tuition is \$330, we have access to scholarship funds if needed. Meetings are via Zoom on Tuesdays, 6:15-8:15 p.m. For more information see [efm.sewanee.edu](http://efm.sewanee.edu) or contact co-mentors: Cindy Pekarek, [circlecnp@gmail.com](mailto:circlecnp@gmail.com), 402-670-0575 and Ruth Richter, [richterfamilyne@gmail.com](mailto:richterfamilyne@gmail.com), 402-880-7580.

**Backpack Blessings:** Mark your calendars. Fr. Tom will offer prayers and blessings for our youth attending school, teachers, and school workers along their backpacks and book bags during services on the weekend of 12-14 Aug.

**Parish Picnic:** Sunday (21 Aug) we will hold our annual parish picnic. This year we have reserved the pavilion next to the Everett Park Splash Pad between 11am and 5pm. Bring a lawn chair and a side or dessert to share. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided by the Church.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Aug 7	Aug 14
VPOD		Lori E	Kristi S
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Bread		Ryan M	Ryan M
LEM's	5:00 pm	Albert Y	Charlotte A
	8:00 am	Rick S	Ken G
	9:30 am	Terri S Jennifer W	Vince C Lex G
Recycle		Jan S	Marcia A
Acolytes	C	Isaiah H	Anika S
9:30 am	T	Kyper M	Vincent C
	T	Ailynn M	Evelynn C

### Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

**Birthday Prayer:** O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary Prayer:** O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**Birthdays:**

Allysa W, Daniel W  
Karen B, Brant B  
Olivia H, Ed J  
Todd P, Michael S

**Anniversaries:**

Joe & Pat S