

A bald eagle with its wings spread wide, perched on an American flag. The eagle is the central focus, with its head turned to the right. The background is a textured, aged parchment-like surface. The text 'Land of the Tree' is written in a white, elegant cursive font, with 'Land' and 'Tree' being significantly larger and more decorative than 'of' and 'the'.

*Land of  
the Tree*

BLESSED IS THE NATION  
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.

PSALM 33:12 (KJV)

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
(Proper 9)

**July 5, 2026**

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE 11**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**HYMNAL**

**PRAYER BOOK**

Musical Prelude

**135** Opening Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (verses 1-3)*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Sentences

**S280** Gloria in Excelsis: *Glory to God*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**355**

\*\* The Collect of the Day

\*\* The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

\*\* Psalm: 145:8-15

\*\* Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

**343** Sequence Hymn: *Shepherd of Souls (verses 1-3)*

\*\* **THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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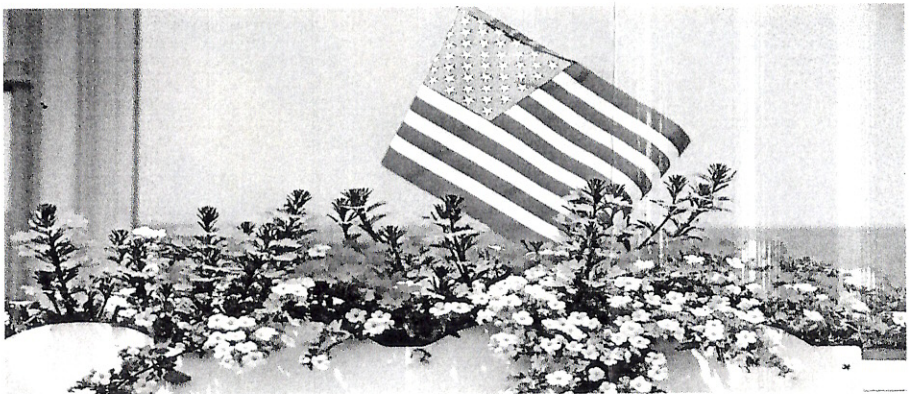
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**335** Recessional Hymn: *I Am the Bread of Life (verses 1-3)*  
 Musical Postlude



**LEM – Quentin E. Gaillard, Jr**  
**Lay Reader – Denise Dixon**



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Join us after this service in the undercroft for fellowship, refreshments, and to greet Bishop-Elect Lawson.

**PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!**

**July 5 - Provided by 'A Parishioner'**



# 6 PENTECOST

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9



Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK TWO

Sunday, July 5, 2026

## COLLECT

*Traditional*

O GOD, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

O GOD, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

REJOICE GREATLY, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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## Refrain

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

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### Psalm 145:8-15 from the Book of Common Prayer

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| 8  | The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness. | 12 | That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. |
| 9  | The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.          | 13 | Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages. |
| 10 | All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.          | 14 | The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.               |
| 11 | They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;                | 15 | The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.         |

## **SECOND READING:** Romans 7:15-25a

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JESUS SAID, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give

you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, July 6, 2026

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Thursday, July 9, 2026

Friday, July 10, 2026

Saturday, July 11, 2026

Sunday, July 12, 2026

11 a.m.

- Self Guided Prayer

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL  
& ANGLICAN DIOCESES**

***Saturday, August 5, 2026***, Jonathan Daniels and the Martyrs of the **Alabama Pilgrimage**, 1 S. Washington St., Hayneville, AL  
***Friday, September 11, 2026***, at 5 pm and ***September 12, 2026***, at 4 pm,  
**Clergy and Lay Leader of Color Retreat**, Camp McDowell. Registration is available on-line at [dioala.org](http://dioala.org)

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**NEWS/EVENTS – Tuskegee University**

**Aug. 11 – New Students arrive    Aug. 13 – Returning Students arrive**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS (Auburn, Montgomery, Tuskegee)**

**'Tuskegee Rising,' 22<sup>nd</sup> TNAA (Tuskegee National Alumni Association) Convention, July 30-August 2, 2026**, Memphis, TN. Registration available online at [tuskegee.edu](http://tuskegee.edu)

**Harriott II Riverboat Cruises, Montgomery: Friday Night Dinner Cruise, Saturday Getaway Cruise and Sunday Evening Blues Cruise**, recurring weekly on specified nights from June 6, 2026, until November 28, 2026.  
**Montgomery Independence Day Celebration, July 4**, Cramton Bowl, from 7-9pm, featuring a fireworks show.

**Duck Samford Stadium July 4 Celebration**, Auburn, Gates open at 5 pm, featuring food treats live music, and fireworks.

**2026 Football Schedule – Tuskegee U:**

August 30 - Red Tails Classic, T.U. vs U. of West AL, Montgomery

October 3 – T.U. vs Morehouse, Montgomery

November 7 – Homecoming, T.U. vs Miles, HOME

November 26 – Turkey Day Game, T.U. vs Alabama State, Montgomery

**2026 Football Schedule – Auburn U.**

September 12 – Auburn vs Southern Mississippi, HOME

September 19 – Auburn vs Florida, HOME

September 26 – Homecoming, Auburn vs. Vanderbilt, HOME

October 24 – Auburn vs LSU, HOME

November 7 – Auburn vs Arkansas, HOME

# ***PRAYER LIST***

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## THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; Alabama Episcopal Foundation Board of Directors; Diocesan Department of Architecture; Good Shepherd, Decatur and Good Shepherd, Montgomery.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

- **ARMED FORCES:** Please pray for our service men and women stationed in the U.S. and overseas, especially, DeRitha Marbory Green, Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, Christopher Childers, Kyle F. Graham and Shavone Marbory Hogan.
- **PRAYERS:** Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- **REMINDER:** Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items (located on the ground floor of the Education Building).
- **NEW:** The link for the Sunday ZOOM Companion Service can be reached by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode 008810 or click on your email invite. The next in-person service will be *Sunday, June 21 (Morning Prayer)*.
- **NEW:** Work will begin very soon on repairing the church elevator. Thank you for your patience.
- **NEW:** Summer Vacation is here. Please keep up with your pledges and stay safe.

## ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY!!***

July	3 – Harriett & Charles Thomspou
	4 - Janiece Middleton
	6 – Lloyd Williams
	17 - Willim & Debra Gunn
	22 - Olive Elaine Lett
	24 – Joseph Samuel

## Prayer for the Fourth of July

O Lord of mercy and of light, On this day of banners and bright skies, we lift our hearts in gratitude-for the gift of freedom, for the courage of those who stood when liberty was only a dream, and for the hands that still labor to keep the dream alive. Bless our land with justice that runs deep, with compassion that bridges every divide, with wisdom in our leaders, and peace in our streets. Let the fireworks above remind us not only of victory won, but of the responsibility we bear to guard the dignity of every soul. May we be a people whose strength is tempered by kindness, whose power bows to truth, whose hope is rooted in You. And as the night sky blooms with light, may our hearts shine brighter still-a nation humbled, a nation united, a nation free. AMEN

