

The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 7

Holy Eucharist Service
Year C RCL
June 22nd, 2025
10:00 AM

St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York



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(Luke 8:26-39)

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(Luke 8:26-39)

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10:00 AM Eucharist

Mission Statement

St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry in which everyone is invited and welcome. We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality and community.



BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing)

Hymnal 1982

OSOP (One Song of Praise)

EOW (Enriching Our Worship)

PRELUDE:

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Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
All And blessed be his Kingdom now and forever. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

 God be with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of the Word

One or more of the lectionaries provided readings for the day or other selected passages of Scriptures are read. A Gospel reading must be read.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

God looks beyond actions to the hearts of women and men. There is no hiding motivations from him. It isn't just those who look holy or those who appear to be pious who God loves.

A reading (lesson) from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 22:18-27

Deus, Deus meus

BCP pg. 611

- ¹⁸ Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ¹⁹ Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰ Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- ²¹ I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²² Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

***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.***

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-29

Rather than cutting out the law, God through Jesus Christ fulfills it, drawing all people to a new life through the law into grace.

A reading (lesson) from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians:

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
Thanks be to God.*

All

THE GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

The healing God provides can be severe, separating flesh and marrow, or opening gaping wounds among community members as a result of a person's healing.

All The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to **Luke**.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

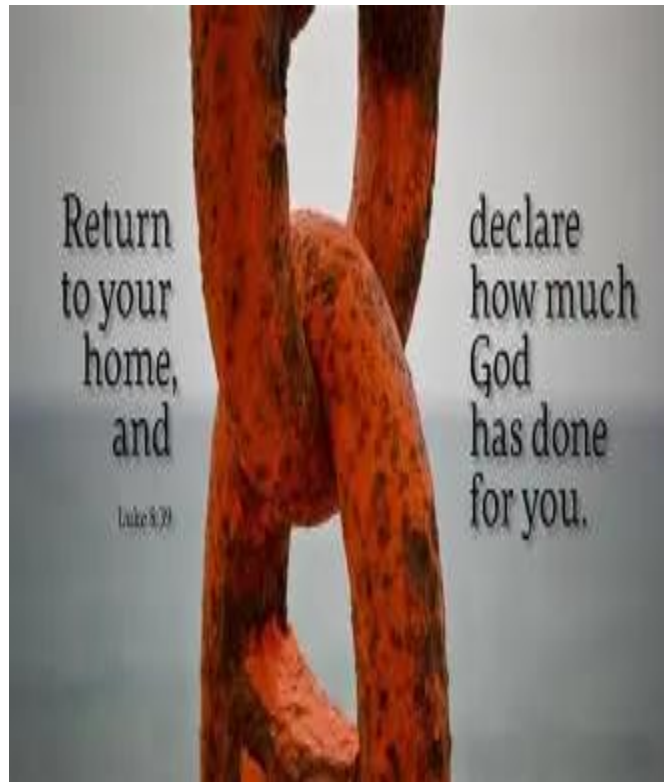
Eucharist Prayer A
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All
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

A sermon, or meditation, or conversation or a period of silence may follow the readings.

SERMON:

The Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bensen
(Luke 8:26-39)




HYMN: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

LEVAS 62

- 1- In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.
2. In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in him,
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.

THE 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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:

(Unknown Source)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (FORM III)

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Deacon or other leader

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; including: Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her son Kareem and family, Sharifa Sena, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wanda Pineiro, Catherine Cone, Eileen Youngberry, Annette Harewood, Imani Chilogani, Lucille Martinez, Christina Harris, David Perez, Stephanie Montanez, Robert H. Morris and Eliaz Diaz. Grant a double portion of your spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie, William and all who minister to them.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to 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.

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week. Look upon them with favor, we pray, 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 lives.

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

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of God be always with you.
 And also with you.

Offertory

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS 264

People and Celebrant

Our Father, which 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
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.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessings of God almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among us **always**. Amen.

CLOSING: SHALL WE GATHER

LEVAS 141

- 1- Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

- 2- On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. [Refrain]

- 3- Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

4- Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

DISMISSAL

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The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

St. Augustine's Parish thanks The Reverend Deacon Carolyn Bensen for the Sermon today.

We are so glad to have you today,

Blessings on you !



We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. If you have joined via Facebook, please drop us a message with your info. We will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.



St. Augustine's Church is committed in servicing our church family and community as always by staying connected while being apart.

We invite any suggestions for programs or ideas that we can do while following CDC guidelines. Please email us, we would love to hear from you.

Need Prayer?

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

If you are celebrating a special occasion; a birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may pray with you and share in your celebration.

We are accepting Articles and Advertisements to publish in St Augustine's echo.

During our worship, please remember to put your phone on vibrate or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter.

Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Tech-Friendly Church.

Moving Forward: St. Augustine's hope and prayer are that we can get together as one community to be God's people and presence on the LES. He is asking for your prayers in this important new way and new normal of our lives, He wants you to know that every day he prays for you all.

St. A's new website designed by Cynthia Lully and maintained by Khylee McBryde is now LIVE! Please take the time to visit it and express your appreciation and recommendations to:

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Armed forces: David Mason, Jr

We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in May. Especially. 5th Raymond Saltes, William Walker; **6th** Ryan Brown; **7th** Susan Brown, Amber Semper, Annie Walker; **8th** Mari McDonald **9th** Lance Bradley, Carey Harris, Alicia Cabrera **12th** James Newlin; **16th** Millie Curry; **17th** Belinda Brown; Wanda Pinero **18th** Shawnese Williams; **19th** Ernest Cox, Jr.; **22nd** Kevin Green; **24th** Michael Garcia Jr., Danielle Hallal; **26th** Earl Taylor; **27th** Sarah Ingram Banks **28th** Tamika King; **29th** Robin Williams.

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at rector@staugnyc.org

We pray for those who have died: Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, Sylvia Fergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), Edward "Tyler" Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs, Maybelle Daly, Tyrone Wong, Romenia Jirmson, Marion C. Blackett-Legall, Raquel Rodriguez- Algarin, Leola West, Lula Moore, Rev. Deacon Edgar Hopper, Rodger Taylor, Ivan Krauser, Ruth Naomi Strother, Hellen Daley, Sylvan Stoner, Ellen Bradley. Charlene Cox, Ethel Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Christine (Chrissy) Harvin, Velda Alleyne, Robert Exum, Vatisha Davis, Willie Manning, William Allen, Norberta Miele, Clyde Davis Winfield, Anne Louise Luxana, James During, Angela Roberts, Evelyn Kirnon, Stanford Daly, Robert, Nancy Scott, Vernestine Exum, Evelyn Holloman and Bennett Dickerson.

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