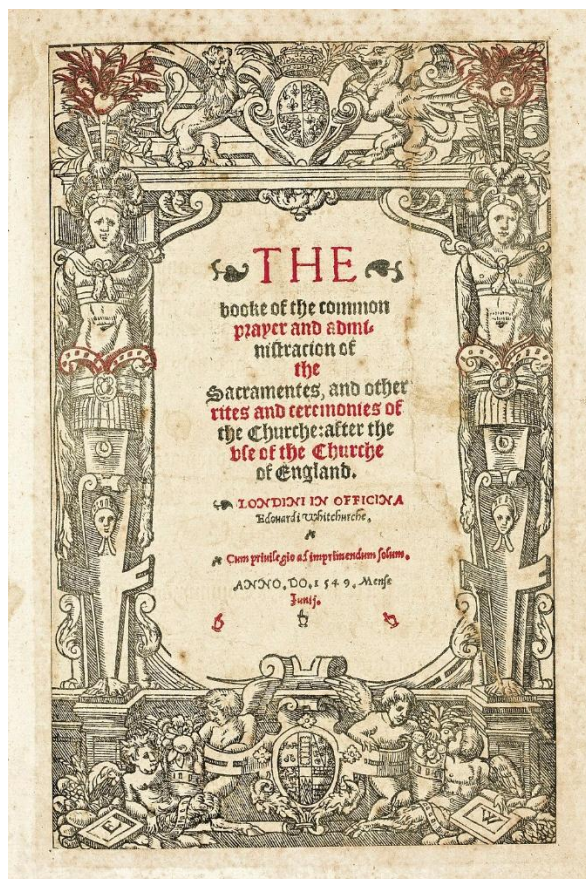




The Episcopal Church of the Advent

June 9, 2026 Newsletter

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Our Book of Common Prayer is the official guide for worship in the Episcopal Church. It is a comprehensive, all-in-one resource that provides liturgical forms, prayers, and instructions, ensuring that all members share a unified standard of worship. [This coming Saturday, the Episcopal Church celebrates the creation of the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, the original version of the BCP.](#) Written during the English Reformation, the prayer book was largely the work of Thomas Cranmer, who borrowed from a large number of other sources. Evidence of Cranmer's Protestant theology can be seen throughout the book; however, the services maintain the traditional forms and sacramental language inherited from medieval Catholic liturgies. Criticized by Protestants for being too traditional, it was replaced by the significantly revised 1552 Book of Common Prayer. [Wikipedia](#)

Sermon reflection from Fr. Tryggvi

With the season after the Pentecost, the Church shifts from recounting the saving events of Christ's life, death, and resurrection to reflecting on how God's grace shapes our own lives. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus encounters Matthew the tax collector and invites him to follow. He then shares a meal with those regarded as sinners and outcasts, scandalizing the religious leaders who believed holiness required separation from the morally suspect.

Jesus responds to their criticism by quoting the prophet Hosea to note that God desires mercy, not sacrifice. Jesus challenges the purity law and overturns rigid divisions between righteous and unrighteous and reveals

that compassion stands at the heart of God's kingdom. Throughout Scripture and his ministry, Jesus sees people others overlook and recognizes in them beloved children of God. Mercy, rather than religious performance, moral superiority, and/or purity becomes the measure of faithful living.

Accordingly, before we can extend mercy to others, we must first learn to recognize and receive the mercy already shown to us. The Church, especially through worship, community, and the Holy Eucharist, becomes a place where we experience God's unconditional love. We come to the table not because of our worthiness, but because of God's abundant mercy—and the mercy extended to us there is the gift to transform us.

Suggestions for contemplation this week:

- *Where in my own life have I received mercy, and how might that experience be inviting me to extend compassion toward others?*
- *Am I primarily trying to "show" mercy, or am I allowing myself to "see" the dignity, struggles, and belovedness of those whom society, or I myself, might overlook?*

We are launching a brief, anonymous survey to help us identify where we should focus our energy and resources over the next year. We aren't looking for simple yes or no answers. We are looking for your stories, your frustrations, and your dreams for Advent to thrive. Please complete the online survey by July 1 at: <https://forms.gle/hx9cqr7LoEdQAPda6>. Thank you for your time, your honesty, and your commitment to the Advent community.

Rota for Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Vestry of Day D Dartnell
L. E. M. 8.00am Shepherd
L. E. M. 10.30am Roman
Altar Guild Abbott- Strickland-Yost
Flower Guild Branch
Organ Tech Quillin
1st Reading D Dartnell
2nd Reading M Dartnell

Readings for Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

[Link to Readings](#)

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Parish Prayer List

Flossie Dodge, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, David Medlock, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Kathie Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Beth Tamplin Jones, Fr. Dann Brown, Jay Whitcomb, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Jack Leo, Eric Wiemann, Susan Crosher, Gloria Leo, Etswana "Tink" Wade, Robert Boswell, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Marcy Lay, Monaray Powers, June Harrell, Wayne Tankersley, Penny Lyle, Bobbie Rushing, Anna Marett, Mary Mack Jones, Ella Petroski

Birthdays in June:

1 Genia Bennett, Reese Freyer, III; 2 Charles Baldwin, III; 6 Rob McCauley; 11 Sue Baldwin; 11 Elizabeth Branch; 26 Bob Baldwin; 27 Mary Carson Brown; 30 Janel Urena

Anniversaries:

28 Rick and Gail Thompson

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

Morgan County Transit System provides transportation to local addresses to include grocery stores, workplaces, doctors' appointments and others. \$2.00 per person/ \$1.75 for seniors 60 and over. Advanced reservations are required. For detailed information see <https://www.morgancountyga.gov/158/Public-Transportation>

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