

## Morning Prayer

Monday, July 14



### Opening Statement

*Leader*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

### Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone 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.

*Leader*

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.*

### The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
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.

### Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

### Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

**Psalm 25** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.  
<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
<sup>5</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.  
<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.  
<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
<sup>10</sup>For your Name's sake, O Lord, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.  
<sup>11</sup>Who are they who fear the Lord? \*  
he will teach them the way that they should choose.  
<sup>12</sup>They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.  
<sup>13</sup>The Lord is a friend to those who fear him \*  
and will show them his covenant.  
<sup>14</sup>My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, \*  
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.  
<sup>15</sup>Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
for I am left alone and in misery.  
<sup>16</sup>The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  
bring me out of my troubles.  
<sup>17</sup>Look upon my adversity and misery \*

and forgive me all my sin.

<sup>18</sup>Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*

and they bear a violent hatred against me.

<sup>19</sup>Protect my life and deliver me; \*

let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

<sup>20</sup>Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*

for my hope has been in you.

<sup>21</sup>Deliver Israel, O God, \*

out of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. *Amen.*

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

*A reading from the first book of the Prophet Samuel 18:5-16,27b-30*

<sup>5</sup>David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

<sup>6</sup>As they were coming home, when David returned from killing the Philistine, the women came out of all the towns of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.<sup>7</sup>And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands."<sup>8</sup>Saul was very angry, for this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands; what more can he have but the kingdom?"<sup>9</sup>So Saul eyed David from that day on.<sup>10</sup>The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand;<sup>11</sup>and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

<sup>12</sup>Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul.<sup>13</sup>So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army.<sup>14</sup>David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him.<sup>15</sup>When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him.<sup>16</sup>But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.<sup>27</sup>David rose and went, along with his men, and killed one hundred of the Philistines; and David brought their foreskins, which were given in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. Saul gave him his daughter Michal as a wife.<sup>28</sup>But when Saul realized that the Lord was with David, and that Saul's daughter Michal loved him,<sup>29</sup>Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy from that time forward.<sup>30</sup>Then the commanders of the Philistines came out to battle; and as often as they came out, David had more success than all the servants of Saul, so that his fame became very great.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 9** The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
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 New Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30*

<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews.<sup>20</sup>But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.<sup>21</sup>The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.<sup>22</sup>News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.<sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion;<sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.<sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,<sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

<sup>27</sup>At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.<sup>28</sup>One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius.<sup>29</sup>The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea;<sup>30</sup>this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 19** The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 Gospel**

*Reader*

*The Gospel according to Mark 1:29-45*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.<sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.<sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.<sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door.<sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.<sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him.<sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."<sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."<sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

<sup>40</sup>A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean."<sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"<sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.<sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,<sup>44</sup>saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."<sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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.*

### **The Prayers**

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Suffrages**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*Govern and uphold them, now and always.*  
Day by day we bless you;  
*We praise your Name for ever.*  
Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*For we put our trust in you.*  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*And we shall never hope in vain.*

### **The Collect**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and may also have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Almighty God, who gave your servant Argula von Grumbach a spirit of wisdom and power to love your Word and to boldly draw others to its truth: Pour out that same spirit upon us, that we, knowing and loving your Holy Word, may be unashamed of Christ and may not sin against the Holy Spirit that is within us. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Debbie Jacobus and Bob Conrad*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication

Lord, give ear and acceptation

Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

For All Sorts and Conditions

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For the Poor and Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Live Alone

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Of circling planets singing on their way;

Guide of the nations from the night profound

Into the glory of the perfect day;

Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be

Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,

One in our love of all things sweet and fair,

One with the joy that breaketh into song,

One with the grief that trembles into prayer,

One in the power that makes thy children free

To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine:  
Our inspiration be thy constant Word;  
We ask no victories that are not thine.  
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;  
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

Words: John White Chadwick, plus Ralph Vaughan Williams

Music: Orlando Gibbons

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

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.

Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

*Thanks be to God.*



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. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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## The Commemoration

Argula von Grumbach née von Stauff (1492-c. 1554) was a Bavarian writer and noblewoman who, starting in the early 1520s, became involved in the Protestant Reformation debates going on in Germany. She became the first Protestant woman writer, publishing letters and poems promoting and defending [Martin Luther](#) as well as his co-worker [Philip Melancthon](#) and other Protestant groups.

She is most known for directly challenging the University of Ingolstadt's faculty when she wrote a letter to them speaking out against the arrest of a Lutheran student.

As one of the few women at the time openly speaking out her views, her writings sparked controversy and often became bestsellers, with tens of thousands of copies of her letters and poems circulating within a few years of their publication.

Argula von Grumbach was born near Regensburg, Bavaria, in a family who was among the pre-eminent leaders of Bavarian nobility.

Argula is thought to have learned to read fluently at a very young age. When she was ten, her father gave her an expensive and beautifully crafted [Koberger](#) Bible in German, despite Franciscan preachers discouraging it, saying Scripture would “only confuse her.” She became an avid student of the Bible, memorizing much of its contents.

In 1515 Argula married Friedrich von Grumbach. He is thought to have had poor health, as he died in 1530. With him Argula had four children, George, Hans Georg, Gottfried, and Apollonia. The only child to survive Argula was Gottfried.

Argula became a follower of Luther and had begun a correspondence with Luther and other similar-thinking Protestants.

Bavarian authorities had forbidden reception of Lutheran ideas at the time, and the city of Ingolstadt enforced that mandate. In 1523, Arsacius Seehofer, a young teacher was arrested for Protestant views and forced to recant. The incident would have occurred quietly, but Argula, outraged over it, wrote what was to become her best-known epistle, a letter to the faculty of the university objecting to Seehofer's arrest and exile.

The letter urged the university to follow Scripture, not Roman traditions. It also said she had decided to speak out even though she was a woman because no one else would.

Her letter, which was turned into a booklet, provoked a huge reaction, greatly angering the theologians and became nearly an overnight sensation. It went through 14 editions in 2 months, and became a bestseller. Argula wrote more letters and copies of the first one to other significant figures.

Unable to control the spread of her ideas, theologians wanted Argula punished, and her husband lost his position at Dietfurt over the controversy.

Argula was also called by many offensive epithets by her critics. Argula wrote poems in response to the slander of her, and she continued corresponding with Luther and other Reformers.

Argula was shunned by some of her own family, but she also had admirers for her writings. Although her challenges to the university were largely ignored, and her efforts to promote her Protestant beliefs unsuccessful, Argula was undeterred, continuing writing pamphlets. She engaged in other exceptional activities in this cause, like travelling alone to Nuremberg—which was unheard of for women at that time—to encourage German princes to accept Reformation principles.