

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Incline Village, Nevada



Statue of Liberty at the Sunset Diana Pigni

Seeking Light and Sharing Love

We welcome you to Saint Patrick's Church. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.

If you are searching for a new church home and community, please introduce yourself to our Rector as you depart.

Sixth Sunday in Pentecost

July 5, 2026

Prelude *America Hymnal* 1982 #717

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn *America the Beautiful Hymnal* 1982 #719

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise: LEVAS #245

1. We have come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
2. So for - get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

1. wor - ship Him, _____ We have come in - to His house and
2. wor - ship Him, _____ So for - get a - bout your - self and
3. wor - ship Him, _____ Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

1. gath - ered in His name to wor - ship Him; _____ We have
2. con - cen - trate on Him and wor - ship Him; _____ So for -
3. mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him; _____ Let us

1. come in - to His house and gath - ered in His name to
2. get a - bout your - self and con - cen - trate on Him and
3. lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Christ, the Lord, Wor - ship Him, Christ _____ the Lord. _____

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: 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.*

The First Reading: *Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

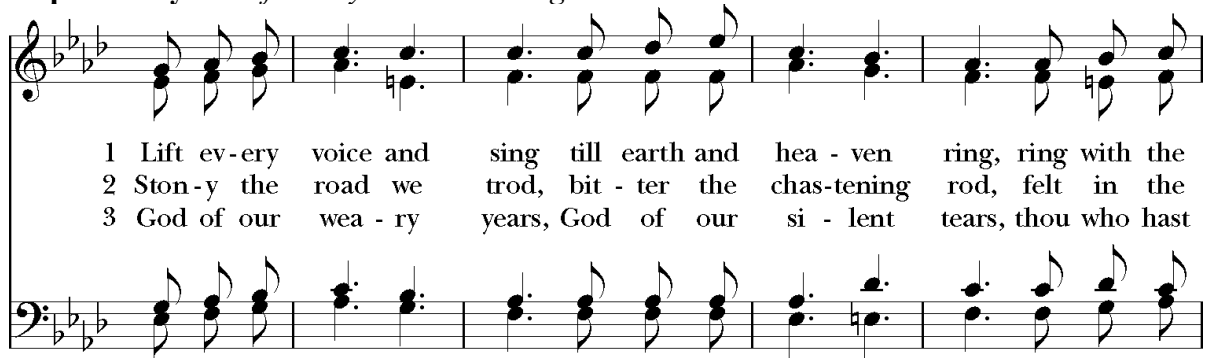
Second Reading: *Romans 7:15-25a*

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.

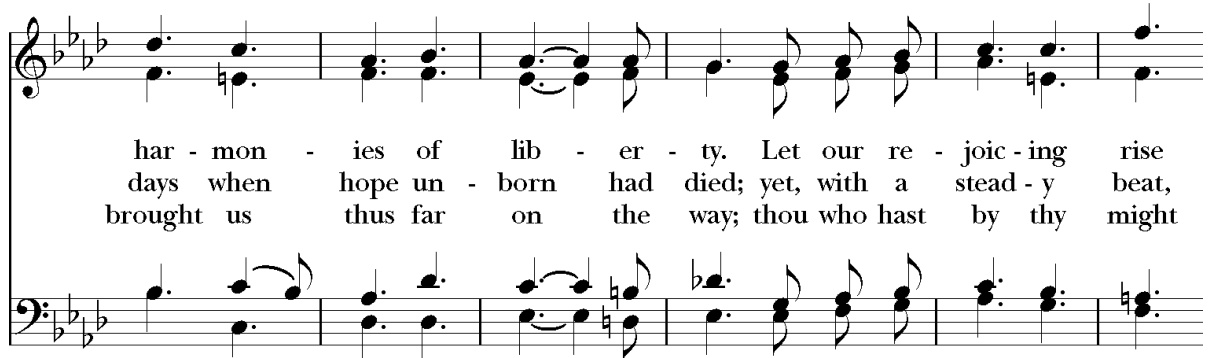
So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LEVAS #1 vv. 1 & 3



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Very Rev. Marla Asson

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Elizabeth, our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, Jamie, Jean, Cindy, Sarah, Trina,
Anaya, Andy, Rachel, Eric, Christine, Victoria, Jim, Dylan, Jon, Debra Kay, Marsha, Everett.
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Moment of silence so people can add their own prayers of thanksgiving.)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom;

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
Known and unknown, Things done and left undone;
And so uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Special Blessings

Music at the Offertory: *Oh Freedom!* LEVAS #225

Offertory:

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Doxology Hymnal 1982 #380: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

SERVICE OF THE TABLE: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the High - est." It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: *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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread:

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

Music at Communion: *This is My Song*

Lloyd Stone and Jean Sibelius

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and near.
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other hands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine,
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms.
The kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations,
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Let us pray: *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Congregational Blessing

Now, let us depart this place in peace. As we go, remember the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another as Christ has loved you. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always.

Hymn *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* LEVAS #226 vv. 1, 2, 4

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
 4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Words: Julia W. Howe (1819-1910). Music: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, William Steffe; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935).
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Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude *America Reprise*



Please join us for refreshments in the parish hall following worship!



We remember those who are in our Columbarium.

Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton

Choir: Gwendalyn Gilliam, Nora Behrens, Daniel Gollery, Suzanne & Marty Gollery, Larry Harrison, Kay Lehr, Bret Logan, Donna Dekker-Robertson, Paula Chapman, Thea Reed, Steve Barney

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Usher: Bob Skidmore

Counters: Steve Barney & David Vomund

Altar Guild: Kay Lehr

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lucille Wang

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The Very Rev. Marla Asson, Rector

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Paula Chapman (2025-2028 term)

Thea Reed (2026-2029 term)

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Notes from the Cover Artist Diana Pigni:

I grew up in a small town near Riga, Latvia, and have always been drawn to landscapes and cityscapes. Traveling the world has deeply inspired my work, leading me to capture the essence and atmosphere of both urban and natural scenes in my paintings. While landscapes remain at the heart of my art, I also explore figurative and animal themes, particularly ballerinas, whose grace and elegance often appear in my work.

I began painting in 2017, and after a short break, I dedicated the following years to both individual and group classes to refine my technique. Now living in Milan, Italy, I continue to develop my skills at the Milan Academy of Art, with a strong focus on live human figure drawing.

My creative process blends the use of hard brushes with a palette knife, creating rich textures that have become a signature element of my style. This distinctive approach has resonated with collectors worldwide, and my paintings have found homes across the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, and Europe. My work is regularly exhibited in Paris and Strasbourg, France, as well as in Sedona, USA, and Istanbul, Turkey.

I believe that art has the power to transform a house into a home, and sharing this passion brings me the greatest joy. Since 2022, I have held two solo exhibitions, participated in numerous group shows, and hosted live painting events in art galleries in Strasbourg and Paris, France. My work has also been featured in prestigious art magazines.

Every piece I create is infused with love, and through my art, I hope to share that love with others. "Spread Love, Spread Art" is my motto.