



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

JULY 6, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-278 is found before hymn 1.

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Fill out a pew card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to be placed on the weekly email, *Parish Tidings*, for the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook:
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *(only at 10:30)*

Fugue and Harmonization on "St. Anne"

(J. S. Bach)

Entrance Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Hymnal 544

All standing

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

All **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.**

The Gloria *(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-278

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the LORD, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-16

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill

the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule— peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (verses 1-3)

See Insert

All stand

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick

who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able.
Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or
aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.*

Lector:

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean; our Diocesan Bishop, Brian; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially **Becca H.; Robyn; Dave M.; Rosemary O.; Kathleen; Jim; Daphne; Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.**

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.
Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Continuing in a posture of prayer we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.**

Celebrant

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

The Peace**BCP 360**

Standing as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings.

Doxology *(only at 10:30)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;
People **and of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

*From Enriching Our Worship, The Standing Liturgical Commission of
the Episcopal Church: New York: Church Publishing, 1997*

Sursum Corda (Lift up your Hearts)

Hymnal S-120

(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Celebrant The Lord be with you,
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus *(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Post communion Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *(only at 10:30)*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(OLIVER)

Parish Announcements, Prayers, & Thanksgivings

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of our anniversary
by Judy & Andy Hadjian**

LOUDON COUNTY CHAMBER EVENT

Tuesday, July 8th 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The Venue at Lenoir City (7590 Creekwood Park Blvd.)

Rev. Becky and members of the Vestry and Communications Committee are preparing materials and will staff our booth - but we still need goodies to pass out to those who stop by! Can you bake some cookies or brownies? Please deliver to the Parish Hall by Tuesday 7/8 at noon so we can package them.

SAINTS & SINNERS

Saints and Sinners is a "supper club", with small groups whose members take turns hosting a meal, with the host providing the entrée & beverages and the others providing the rest of the meal. Sharing meals is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners better, so we hope you'll sign up and join us!

Questions? Contact Jenny Lucas at 662-588-4857 or jslucas_2000@yahoo.com. Please sign up in the Parish Hall before July 27. Dinners will be hosted from August - November.

WANT TO JOIN OUR "LOVE IS THE WAY"

BOOK CONVERSATION group this summer? Let Rev. Becky know you're interested either by emailing her, calling the church office, or signing up in the Parish Hall. Times and dates TBD.

CADES COVE SUNRISE HIKE AUGUST 12-13

The hiking ministry is sponsoring our annual sunrise hike in Cades Cove. We'll overnight in Townsend on Tuesday, August 12, get up before dawn on Wednesday, August 13 and enjoy a Vehicle Free Morning (cars not allowed) in Cades Cove. You'll see plenty of wildlife and a sunrise that stretches across a never ending sky. You can choose a 4 mile, 7 mile or 11 mile loop. Contact Andy Hadjian 865-235-8457. Sign up in Parish Hall.

Our Parish Prayer List

Becca H.; Robyn; Dave M.; Rosemary O.;
Kathleen; Jim; Daphne; Jenon;
Aaron; Sarah; Killian

Continuing Prayers for:

the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy;
Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane; Shannon; Jim; Mel;
Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean;
Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne;
Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

For our Vestry leaders:

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K.
Class of 2026: Drew H., Dawson H., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Dawson H., Sally L.

Also for the Diocesan Prayer List:

For the Country, BCP 820
For the Good Use of Leisure, BCP 825

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 3	Lisa Amelse & Keith Brinkley
July 3	Judy & Andy Hadjian
July 4	Pam & John McCoy
July 5	Bill Schwindt
July 5	Mark Smith
July 6	Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley
July 16	Ginny Tolbert
July 17	Judy Hadjian
July 17	Judy Kubesh
July 20	Mark Hennes
July 20	Pam McCoy
July 23	Beverly Cantine
July 25	Monty Ross
July 26	Janey Coombes
July 29	Nelda Griffith & Steve Abercrombie
July 31	Thomas Fiebke, Jr.

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

July 6	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Monty Ross	Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey
EM	Andrew Wilkinson	Judy Egan	Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts
Lectors	Mark Hennes	Dawson Hope	Organist: Judy Moyer
Ushers	Jen Hennes	David Baumgardner	Celebrant &
Chancellor	Holly Pate	David Baumgardner	Preacher: Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Peggy Rogers	Jenny Lucas	Monday Volunteer (7/7)
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Donna Bye
Counters	n/a	Alice Anderson & Dave St. John	

NEXT WEEK

July 13	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Donna Bye	Mark Smith	Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey
EM	Holly Pate	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild: Dianna Stimpson
Lectors	Peggy Rogers	Tony Adams	Organist: Judy Moyer
Ushers	Carl Bye	Monty Ross & Art Stewart	Celebrant &
Chancellor	Diane Van Koughnett	Art Stewart	Preacher: Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Erllys Ploeger	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Monday Volunteer (7/13)
Video	n/a	Ann Murphy	Donna Bye
Counters	n/a	Ginny Tolbert & Bill Schwindt	

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, July 7
7:00 p.m. - AA (*open meeting*)

Tuesday, July 8
12:00 p.m. - Deadline for your cookies or brownies delivered to PH
5:00 p.m. - *Loudon Cty Chamber event*
7590 Creekwood Park Blvd

Wednesday, July 9
9:00 a.m. - Deadline for Parish Tidings or bulletin submissions

Sunday, July 13
8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken, Rite II
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral, Rite II
Email office@episcopalloudon.com by Wednesday at 9 a.m. to have your ministry or committee's activities added to the parish calendar.

COMING UP ...

Monday, July 14
Vestry Meeting

Thursday, July 17
Prayers & Squares

Sunday, July 20
Holy Eucharist, spoken, Rite II
Holy Eucharist, choral, Rite II

**Check your Parish Tidings
for upcoming details!**

*Contact our priest, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges,
at this email: rector@episcopalloudon.com.
or call her at the church office: 865-986-2390.*

Please note:
Regular church office hours are weekdays
10am-2 pm, EXCEPT for Thursdays

TODAY'S ART



Christ and His Mother Studying the Scriptures, ca. 1909
Henry Ossawa Tanner (American, 1859–1937)
Oil on canvas
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas.

Public domain

Mary gave her son everything she had—body, mind, and soul. These three served as the seedbed of his maturation. She surrendered her womb, where Jesus progressed through the various stages of embryonic and fetal development as he took in the nutrients supplied by her blood. Once born, she gave him her body's milk, and often forwent sleep to attend to his cries, a deprivation all mothers have known. But her provision

was more than physical. She also nurtured, with the help of Joseph, his intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth, fulfilling as best she could her parental calling.

We know from her Magnificat that Mary was a woman of deep passion and yearning, gratitude and praise, and from the Annunciation account, we get a sense of her courageous trust. Luke 2:19 points to her contemplative nature, and the Passion narratives attest to her faithfulness. These qualities characterized the way she lived and infused the spiritual instruction she gave her son.

I love Henry Ossawa Tanner's tender visualization of one such moment of maternal teaching. In *Christ and His Mother Studying the Scriptures*, Mary sits on a stone bench with an unfurled scroll, her other arm around her boy's waist. Jesus nuzzles close and points to a particular verse, maybe asking, "What's this mean, Mama?" or requesting, as children so often do, "Read it again!"

An earthen jar sits to the left, suggesting a domestic space. It alludes to Jesus's first recorded miracle, where his mother too plays a part: turning water into wine at a Cana wedding. It also calls to mind the future episode of Jesus in the house of Martha and Mary, in which he praises Mary of Bethany for not being anxious, like her sister, over household chores, but rather choosing "the good portion": listening to the Word.

It's unlikely that the Holy Family would have had home access to any of the biblical scrolls—though maybe they made the investment for one or more (or were gifted them); who knows? In any case, collections were maintained at the local synagogue and could be read there.

Tanner used his wife, Jessie, and their son, Jesse, as models for the painting.

Reflection by Victoria Emily Jones
Posted at Art & Theology

References

<https://artandtheology.org/2017/05/11/mother-mary-teaches-her-son-jesus/>