

# **The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

July 18, 2021

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Opening Hymn**

**Sung by all**

### **Opening Sentences**

*Presider* Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God: the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.

### **Confession of Sin & Absolution**

**Led by Heather Kelly**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Presider* 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.

## **Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **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!**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe.  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

## **Psalm 23**

**Led by Peter Saghir**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*All* **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 Lessons**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

**Read by Missy Trull**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Halle Halle Halle**

**sung by the Choir**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp**

**Fix Me Jesus**

**The Apostles Creed**

**said in unison**

**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 Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

### **Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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, forever. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Led by Tom Rigney**

Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing.  
God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.  
Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.

God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.  
Help us give our fear, pain, and grief to you.

God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.

Help us move in concert with your life-giving motion.

Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our present circumstances make difficult to see.

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.  
Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

Bless all who work to improve the health of others, that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.

Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.

Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.

You are the Lord whose promises never cease.  
You are the Lord whose presence never fails.

Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw us into the very heart of your grace and help us to live into the truth that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear people of God, for whom and for what do you pray for?

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Led by Alice Avouris**

Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:  
At every moment of our existence  
you are present to us God in gentle compassion.

Help us to be present to one another  
so that our presence may be a strength that heals our wounds ,  
and gives hope that is for all persons  
through Jesus our compassionate brother. Amen.

### **The Benediction**

*Presider*        The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in  
Christ Jesus and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and  
remain with you always.

### **Closing Hymn**

**Sung by all**

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon*        Let us go forth rejoicing in the power Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

*All*                **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### **Summer Sing Along**

**Sung by all**