

# The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Morning Prayer Rite II

August 29, 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 Carol Normandin

*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.

## **Jubilate**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

## **Psalm 15**

**Led by Borah Coburn**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?  
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.  
There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.  
In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the Lord.  
He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.  
He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

*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 the letter of James

**Read by Richard Auletta**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of

all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Deacon John Musco**

**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 Carol Oliver**

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Closing Prayer**

**Led by Tom Wool**

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**