

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020
10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM
Our Sunday services are livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sarabande

S. Bingham

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]^[P]_[SEP]

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

A 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 GATHERING HYMN

O Worship the King

H. 388 vs. 1,4

[Please stand when invited.]

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray..... You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from 1 Kings, Chapter 3...*

The Lord appeared to Solomon at Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask whatever you wish, and I’ll give it to you.” Solomon responded, “You showed so much kindness to your servant my father David when he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and with a heart true to you. You’ve kept this great loyalty and kindness for him and have now given him a son to sit on his throne. And now, Lord my God, you have made me, your servant, king in my father David’s place. But I’m young and inexperienced. I know next to nothing. But I’m here, your servant, in the middle of the people you have chosen, a large population that can’t be numbered or counted due to its vast size. Please give your servant a discerning mind in order to govern your people and to distinguish good from evil, because no one is able to govern this important people of yours without your help.”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had made this request. God said to him, “Because you have asked for this instead of requesting long life, wealth, or victory over your enemies—asking for discernment so as to acquire good judgment— I will now do just what you said. Look, I hereby give you a wise and understanding mind. There has been no one like you before now, nor will there be anyone like you afterward.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 119

Tune: *All Praise to Thee, My God*

[Please remain seated.]

***Rejoicing, Lord, in your decrees, I follow them with all my will;
Revealing light, your word goes forth And gives the simple wisdom still.***

***Ready to faint, I yearn, I gasp, That your commandment may be mine;
Return to those who love your Name In mercy as in former time.***

***Restore my footsteps in your word, Let evil have no claim on me;
Release me from my foes and I Will keep your statutes faithfully.***

***Reveal your countenance and teach Your servant your commandments, Lord.
Rivers of tears I shed because The people do not keep your word.***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 8...*

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will. We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. We know this because God knew them in advance, and he decided in advance that they would be conformed to the image of his Son. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters. Those who God decided in advance would be conformed to his Son, he also called. Those whom he called, he also made righteous. Those whom he made righteous, he also glorified.

So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us.

Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, *We are being put to death all day long for your sake. We are treated like sheep for slaughter.*

But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
[Please stand.]

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

H 632 v.1

***O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

The Gospel

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

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

ⓓ He told another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It’s the smallest of all seeds. But when it’s grown, it’s the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that people threw into the lake and gathered all kinds of fish. When it was full, they pulled it to the shore, where they sat down and put the good fish together into containers. But the bad fish they threw away. That’s the way it will be at the end of the present age. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from the righteous people, and will throw the evil ones into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

They said to him, “Yes.”

Then he said to them, “Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest.”

ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

[Please be seated.]

Becky Robbins-Penniman

THE SERMON HYMN

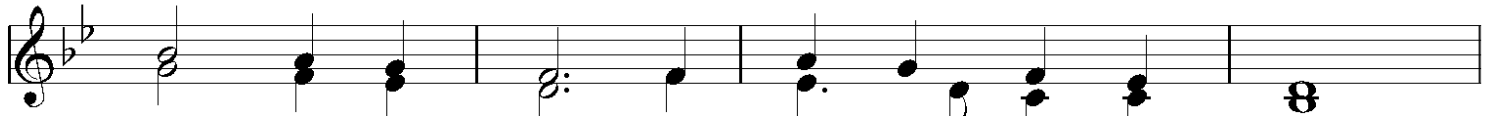
Father Eternal

Vs. 1,2,5

[Please stand.]



1. Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
2. Ra - ces and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vi - ded,
3. How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



Spi - rit of Life, which moved ere form was made,
and, sha - ring not our griefs, no joy can share,
if we love not the world which Thou hast made:

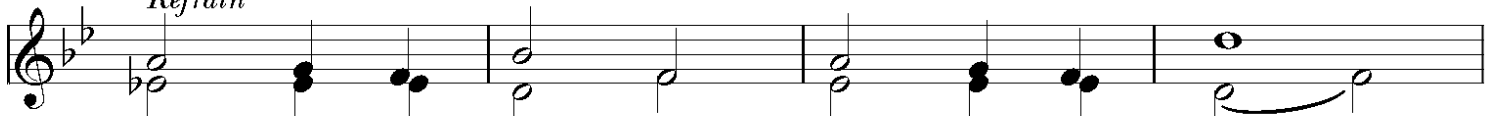


through the thick dark - ness co - vering ev - ery na - tion,
by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - ri - ded;
Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



light to our blind - ness, O, be thou our aid.
his sa - ving cross no na - tion yet will bear:
thy Word made flesh, and to the whole world given.

Refrain



Lord, may thy king - dom come, thy will be done.



Thy king - dom come, Fa - ther, and thy will be done!

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☩** Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:
- ℣** Heavenly Father, direct our way to you in this season and always. Let the congregation of Good Shepherd be a place where your son Jesus is known and your peace is shared.
- ☩ We thank you for everyone who has gathered to worship you today, in this place and in every place. We ask you to bless all people in their walk with you.**
- ℣** Sovereign Lord, bless and guide the leaders of the Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; for Becky our Rector, Cindy, our Deacon, and Ann, our Priest Associate.
- ☩ We pray for ourselves and all ministers, lay and ordained, who serve your church, that all that is done in your name indeed proclaims your glory.**
- ℣** We pray for our leaders, that they may be guided by your Wisdom and be dedicated to the common good.
- ☩ Give them strength and courage to know and accomplish your purposes in the midst of the evil of these days.**
- ℣** Let your nurturing love today strengthen those who are seeking the resolve to make tough decisions, take on new responsibilities, or break free from bondage. Bless all who are suffering from any grief, illness, or adversity, especially *[add names from notebook]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. *[Leave time. . .]* Help them to know they are not alone.

☞ Give them peace, courage, hope and renewal, and through their struggles may they come into closer communion with you, the One who redeems and restores.

ℒ We thank you for the blessings of this life, especially the flowers that grace our sanctuary given by Maureen & Gene Belote in celebration of their 36th Wedding Anniversary, and for the birthdays this coming week of Sherry Conte, Gail Robinson, Brian Levy, Gabby Gallagher, Dawn Gordon, Carmen Sakala, Penelope Statile, Pat Elmendorf, and Nancy Campbell, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Laurie & Barbara Rennie, Gene & Maureen Belote, and Mary Anne & Ted Dorner. Let all Creation rejoice.

☞ Give us one more blessing: hearts that know how to see and thank you for the countless gifts you bestow upon us.

ℒ Living God, bless those who have died, [especially *add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time . . .*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.

☞ Bring them into your light and love, and comfort those who grieve.

ℒ We pray that together we may live the promises we make in our baptismal covenant:

☞ to proclaim by word and action the good news of God in Christ, to love all neighbors as we love ourselves, and to strive for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of all people. Let us offer ourselves to one another and to the living God through Christ. Amen.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

[*Please stand or kneel, as you choose.*]

℟ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. [*Silence is kept.*]
God of all mercy,

☞ we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

℟ 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 GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.*]

℟ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☞ And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

THE OFFERTORY

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

E. Thiman

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

With gratitude and humble trust

H. 705 vs 3

***With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee,
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C [Revised]

☐ 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 our thanks and praise.**

☐ It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer 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 stewards of creation.

☑ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

☐ But still we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

☑ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** S 147
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.

P Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you 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."

C **Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;

P Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

C



A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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

- ☞ Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains were gathered and made into this one Bread.
- ☞ **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**
- ☞ 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.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. **During this time of social distancing, we need to approach the altar rail one at a time.** Small cups with a wafer and wine will be on the altar rail. Please pick them up and consume them in turn when the server invites you to with the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" and "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Place the cups you used into the basket on the altar rail. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

THE CHANT

In the Lord I'll be Every Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- ☞ Let us pray...
- ☞ **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- ☞ God bless your eyes to see the world as God sees, your lips to speak to others as if to Christ, your hands to work and heal in the power of the Holy Spirit, your minds to discern what is excellent, admirable, true, holy, just, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise. Our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless your hearts and set them on fire.
- ☞ **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Give to the Winds Thy Fear

***Give to the winds thy fears;
hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.***

***Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.***

***Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,
how wise, how strong God's hand!***

***Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath
thy love and guardian care.***

THE DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Chant Heroique

G. Young

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Pat Cates
Lectors	Carolyn Hughes & Terry Eldridge
Prayers of the People	Indra Eldridge
Ushers	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates