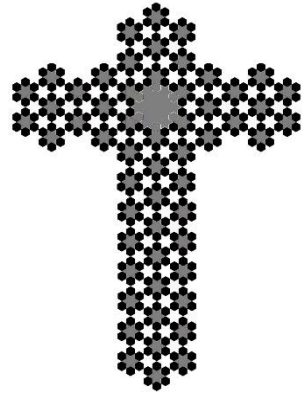


# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**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.

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

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**VOLUNTARY**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Jason Payne

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ENTRANCE HYMN H-390**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*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.

**CANTICLE 20 S-280**

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Genesis chapter 28...*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

Lord, you have searched me out and known whatever you have wrought:  
My rising up and sitting down, you know my every thought.

You trace my journeys and my rests and everything I do;  
And no word forms upon my lips which is not known to you.

Then from your Spirit or your face where can I flee or go?  
In heaven above I find you there and in the grave also.

If I should take the wings of dawn and reach the farthest sea,  
Yet even there your hand holds fast, your right hand leading me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart, test all my thoughts, I pray;  
Seek out the evil; lead me in the everlasting way.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

*Lector*      *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 8...*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Lector*      **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

Faith and truth and life bestowing, open now the Scriptures, Lord.  
Seed to life eternal sowing scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, your word receiving, like a barren field be found,  
choked with thorns and unbelieving, shallow earth or stony ground.

May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing bring to life the hidden grain,  
daily in our hearts increasing, bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song and story, Savior, may your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold your glory give us ears to hear your word.

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## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

*All stand as able.*

**NICENE CREED** *Please stand.*

*People*

**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 prefer.*

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Rev. Kathleen Walter, Jean Roberts, Gail Robinson, Gabby Gallagher, and for the anniversaries this week of Laurie & Barbara Rennie, and Gene & Maureen Belote.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*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.

*All* **Amen.**

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERTORY

You Are the Seed

Cesareo Gabarain  
Julian Guini, Solo

*All stand as able.*

### THE PRESENTATION

*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.

### PRESENTATION HYMN H-380 (*st. 3*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices

with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

*All* **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

S-125



*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*        **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People*        **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. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION** When I'm Afflicted, Poor, and Low William Bradley Roberts  
 Julian Guini, Solo

**COMMUNION HYMN H-588** Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast Like Seed CALL STREET

1 Al-might-y God, your word is  
 2 Let not our self - ish - ness and  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful

cast like seed up - on the ground, now let the dew of heaven de -  
 hate this ho - ly seed re - move, but give it root in ev - ery  
 cares the ris - ing plant des - troy, but let it yield a hun-dred -

scend and right-eous fruits a - bound.  
 heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
 fold the fruits of peace and (joy.) joy. \_\_\_\_\_

1-2 Final Ending

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray...

*All*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**VOLUNTARY**

HYFRYDOL

Charles W. Ore

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Carol Beauchamp
Torch/Chalicists	Joe Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lectors	Mary Ratliff & Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Jim & Mary Ratliff
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	John & Sheila Scott
Cantor	Julian Guini

**Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of July 16** – Dustin, Arlene, Brooke, Kim B, MaryAnn M, Tony B, Bill GW, Allie, Beth E, Rob M, Judy M, Deborah, Jim, Marilyn, Sue, Heather S, Jim A, Judy L, Greg S, Schontz Family, Carmella A, Cam & Sherry B, Jason C, Diane M, David B, Sue A, Liz N, Milly L, Bob S, Olena & family, Bonnie L, Christopher J, Andrea G, Lou F, Colette S, Mike F, Adriana P, Norma.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Rev. Kathleen Walter, Jean Roberts, Gail Robinson, and Gabby Gallagher.

**Anniversaries** – Laurie & Barbara Rennie, and Gene & Maureen Belote.

**Announcements**

**Baseball with the Bishop:** Get your tickets for Baseball with the Bishop as the Tampa Bay Rays take on the New York Yankees on Friday, August 25 at 6:40 p.m., gates open at 4:40 p.m. Bishop Scharf will participate in the 7th Inning Stretch. Tickets are \$33.00 (\$53 value) and a portion of this ticket offer will benefit the Episcopal Charities Fund. Sign up deadline is July 27. Please contact the church office for more information.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast in July:** We hope you will join us for a continental breakfast sponsored by the Vestry on July 30<sup>th</sup> after each service.

**Soul Sisters Women's Retreat:** We have limited openings for any women that might be interested in the upcoming Soul Sisters' Retreat at DaySpring in Parrish, Florida! The dates of the event are September 29 through October 1. We will begin our time together on that Friday with dinner and end after the Sunday service at the Chapel at DaySpring. Please contact Michelle Schombs at 727-638-3560 or [m19ma50@verizon.net](mailto:m19ma50@verizon.net), for further information.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Kids, Teachers, and Staff – Bring your backpacks, totes, and briefcases to church on Sunday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> for a special, back-to-school blessing.