

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

26 July 2020

Gathering Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

A Song of Christ's Goodness

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Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; * *you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.*

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, * *tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.*

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; * *through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.*

Your warmth gives life to the dead, * *your touch makes sinners righteous.*

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; * *in your love and tenderness, remake us.*

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, * *for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Lessons

Romans 8:26-39

Sequence Hymn

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

Prayers of the People

We ask that we may witness boldly to God's loving purpose for the whole human family; made known to us in the Good News proclaimed by the Good Shepherd.

Jesus said, "I have come that all may have life; *And may have it in all its fullness.*"

We ask that our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ present among us in the poor and needy of the world waiting to be fed.

Silence

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these; ***You did it to me.***”

Jesus said, “I have compassion for the crowd because they have nothing to eat.” ***The disciples said to him, “Where are we to get bread enough to feed so great a crowd?”***

Silence

“Jesus took the loaves and the fish; and, after giving thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples. ***And the disciples gave them to the crowds, and all of them ate and were filled.***”

We ask that, with our support and encouragement, our elected leaders may give more generously of all that God has given us as a nation that we may be a light and blessing to the world.

Silence

Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, ***And you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.***”

For all this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept. Minister and People

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.***

Absolution

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her
children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of
your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through
eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of
sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary,
your willing servant that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

Now gathered in community by your Holy Word, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to bend our hearts in humility for the sacrifices made on our behalf, prepared from the foundation of the world, you O God of the ages created. *Amen.*

Let us pray...Our Father

In order to acknowledge the bonds of our affection and sending us forth in mission let us say together our closing words:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image as we hear your Word, a sacrament of nourishment since the beginning of time. 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 and Dismissal

Gracious God, enlighten our minds, enkindle our hearts, illumine our ways. With your Alleluia light we are prepared to meet Christ and be Christ in the world. And the Blessing...

Go in Peace...

Closing Hymn

