

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ 26 JULY 2020

GRACE & TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCHES, COWLEY COUNTY, KANSAS

WELCOME

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION •

Priest Blessed be God: + Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY •

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Word of God

THE COLLECT •

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON •

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM •

To be prayed in unison.

Psalm 119:129-136

**Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

THE SECOND LESSON •

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL •

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Priest The Holy Gospel +of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON •

The Very Reverend Laurie Lewis



THE NICENE CREED •

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

**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 •

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the for Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church - the Body of Christ.

We pray for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop and for the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

We pray for The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, our Bishop and the Diocese of Kansas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for students and faculty of Bishop Seabury Academy

Leader We ask, O God, for understanding in striving to do what is right, and for wise and discerning minds, that we may rise to the challenges and disputes of our day with grace and substance:

People **Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I will obey with all my heart.**

Leader We know that we do not pray as we ought; and also that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Please offer up your own prayers of intercession now.

So search our hearts, O God, and intercede for us according to your will:

People **Your Word gives light and understanding to the simple.**

Leader Because all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to the divine purpose, so help us to trust in you, and to love you with all our heart, mind and strength, that by our conduct you may be glorified:

People **I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.**

Leader Sow within us the mustard seed of your kingdom and grant good growth. Leaven our parish with the yeast of your Spirit, that all might be useful in common labor:

People **Turn to me in mercy, as you do for those who love you.**

Leader Make us to be like the one who finds the field of treasure, and like the merchant who sold all to buy the pearl of great price, that we might give ourselves entirely to you and press on to know the gift of Christ Jesus:

People **Steady my footsteps in your word.**

Leader Strengthen the work of our Church, that we might cast our nets wide and draw full nets from the sea:

People **Let your countenance shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.**

Leader Seal us in wisdom, O Lord, that we may be in training for the kingdom of heaven, bringing out of our treasure what is new and what is old in service to the ministry of reconciliation; for we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

People **Seal us in wisdom, O Lord, and grant us insight.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT •

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen**

THE CONFESSION •

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People, together

**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.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE •

Priest The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries, we pray together:

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your children as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY •

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit; and the Spirit intercedes for us. If, then, God is for us, who can be against us? For all things work together for good for those who love God.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING •

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For your Son Jesus Christ taught us of the kingdom of heaven, where by your grace the last become first, the small become great, and lost treasures are found by those who search for them.

Therefore, with all the company of heaven, we glorify your Name and join with them in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS •

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God

Said by 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.

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 he 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER •

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

**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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The priest invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually+ into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER •

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING •

The priest blesses the people and the people respond, Amen.

THE DISMISSAL •

Priest or Deacon
People

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Last names and dates are eliminated for online privacy.

IN JULY

Sarah, Deanna, Larry, Bill, Cory, Kathy, Melissa, Chance, Liam, Theo, Elin, Paige, Nancy and Brody

Rand & Trish, Betty & Maurice



IN AUGUST

Natalie, Lura, Alexander, Jason, Bryan, Reece, Judith, Ryker, Julia, Kalon, Charlene, Ben, Abi, Joseph, Crosby, Patricia, Cindy and Randall

Tom & Charlene, Garrett & Candace, Tom & Laurie, Dave & Diane, Bill & Elin, Scott & Vicki, Jim & Charlotte, Josh & Nicole, Steve & Deanna, Ron & Mona

