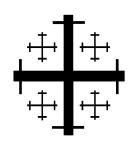
Pentecost VIII

23 July 2023

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the

day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

PRELUDE Prelude in C Major BWV 553 J.S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ▼ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Come, Thou Almighty King

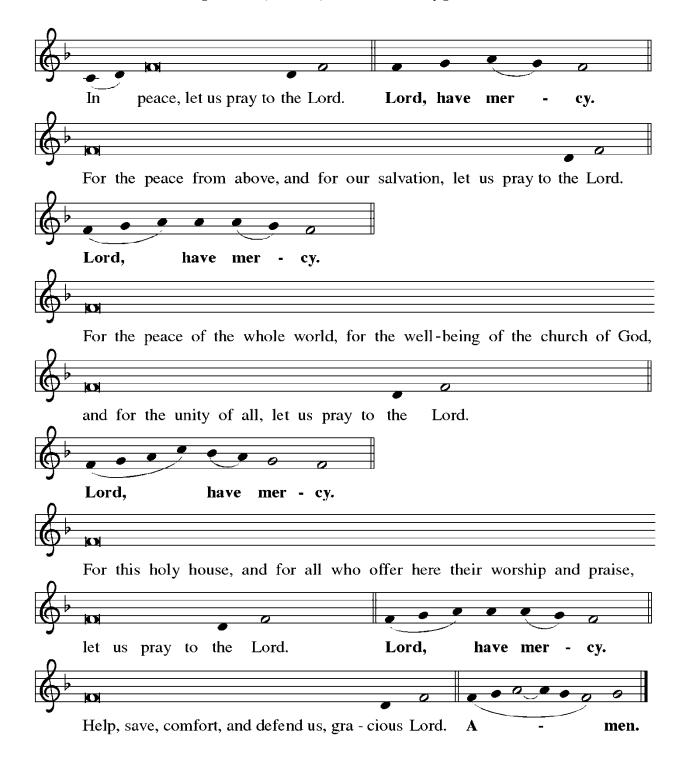


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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ★ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]



HYMN OF PRAISE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray... Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17



Teach me your way O Lord, that I may not stray. Let my heart re-vere your name. Copyright © 18 July 2023 Viktor Andersson

- 1. With all my heart I thank and glorify your name, O LORD for your love for me is great. You deliver me from the depths of Sheol. **REFRAIN**
- 2. Arrogant men rise up against me a brutal gang seeks my life. Their schemes have no place in you, for you, O LORD, are gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and truth. **REFRAIN**
- 3. Turn to me, have mercy. Give our strength o your servant, to the child of your servant and shame those who hate me because LROD you have helped me and comforted me.

 REFRAIN

Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that 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. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE & GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS



²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And 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?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let 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.'"

³⁶Then 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." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his

angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

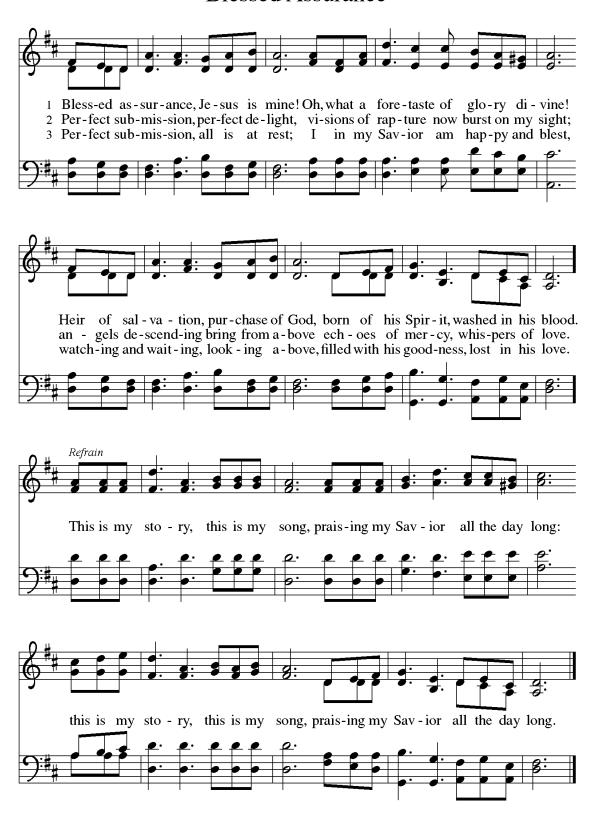
P The Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON Pastor Kyle

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

CREED

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

ALL 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 into hell. 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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition

- A Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

Concluding with

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord
- C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please show a sign of peace

OFFERTORY "Laudate Dominum"
from Vesperae solennes de confessore,
[Solemn Vespers for a Confessor, 1780)
K. 339 W. A Mozart
Lynzy Slezak, soprano

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Praise the Lord all nations (peoples)

Laudate dominum omnes populi
Praise the Lord all people

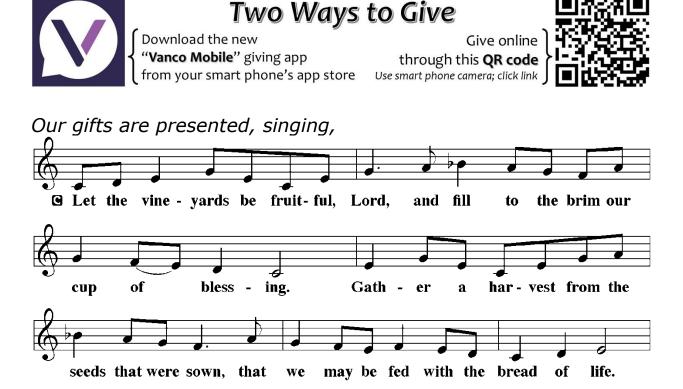
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus,
For confirmed is upon us his mercy

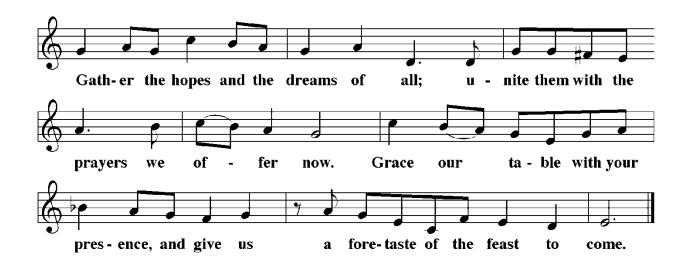
et veritas Deomini manet in aeternam
and God's truth remains forever.

Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto
Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

suit erat in principio et nunc et sempre
as it was in the beginning is now and always

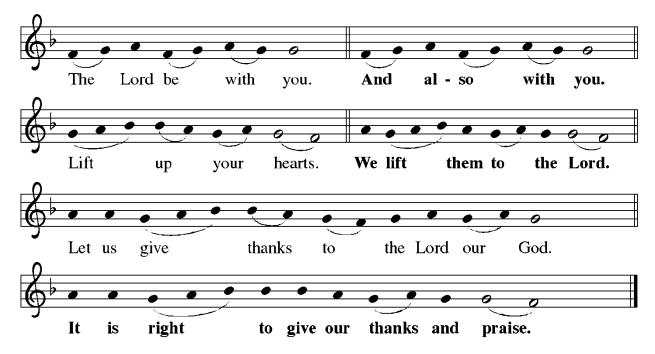
et in secula saeculorum. Amen
world without end. Amen





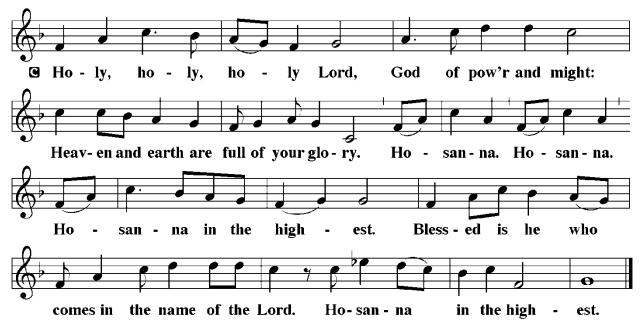
- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS [Latin, Holy & Blessed]



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Acclamation



P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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.

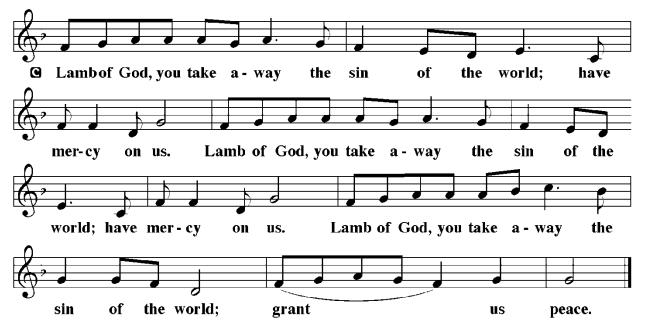
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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, forever and ever.

Amen

AGNUS DEI [Latin, Lamb of God]



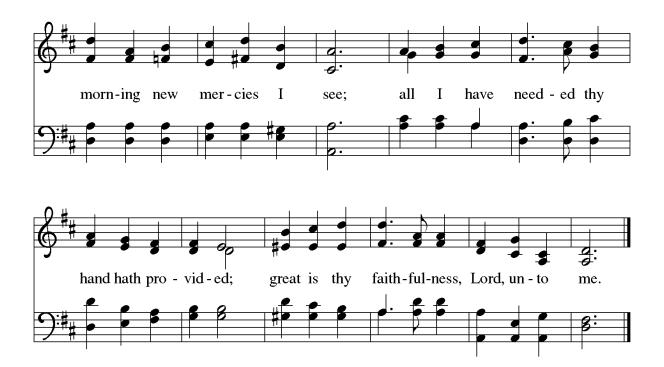


HOLY COMMUNION

We encourage those online to commune each other in your homes at this time and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Great Is Thy Faithfulness





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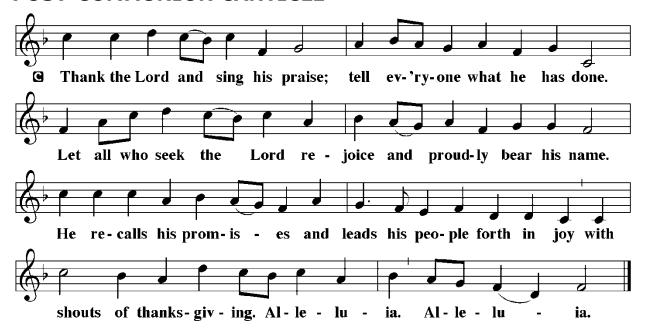
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915 P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Prelude et Fughetta* A.P.F. Boely

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Today

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

James, Apostle Tuesday, July 25, 2023

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians Friday, July 28, 2023

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Saturday, July 29, 2023

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Saturday, July 29, 2023

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Lector	Meg Acker	Roy Reichenbach
Assist. Minister	Mickey Nowell	Bob Painter
Ushers & Greeters	Jeff Goodwin	Carol Hutchison, Dale Abram, Eddie & Val Wilkerson



Special Worship Service Announcement: TAIZE WORSHIP: NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30

Join us for in-person Taize worship as we highlight themes and tones to help immerse us more fully in our faith journey. Everyone is welcome to come and experience this contemplative and sensory worship. Worship will be held **next Sunday**, **July 30**th **at 6 pm** in the sanctuary.

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