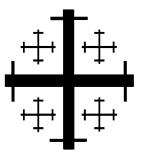
# Pentecost VIII

## 23 July 2023

9:30 am



## The Liturgy at Calvary

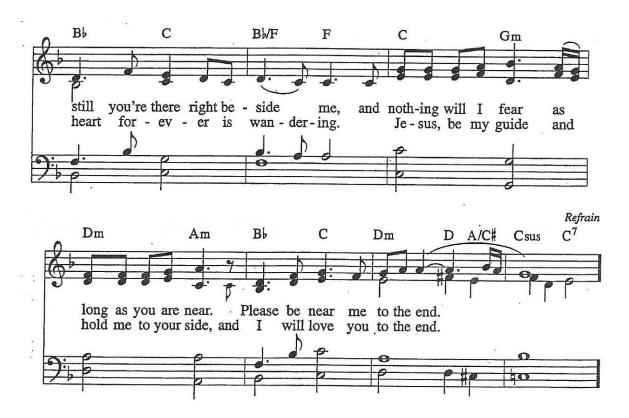


It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly 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** *Please stand & face the Baptismal font* **PENETENTIAL RITE** 





L 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 (Romans 8:22-23). Let us confess all the ways that we contribute to the groaning pain of God's creation, and all the ways that our own lives wait for the fullness of redemption.

#### Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Goodness and forgiveness come from you, O God.
- C Everyone from the corners of the earth comes forward to praise you, you are great and loving, you are God. You are slow to anger, and you are always faithful. Once again, turn and strengthen me (Psalm 86:11-17).
- L 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 (Romans 8:14-17).

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

#### C And also with you.

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.

Please sit for today's scripture readings.

#### First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus 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.

<sup>7</sup>Who 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.

<sup>8</sup>Do 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.



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** 

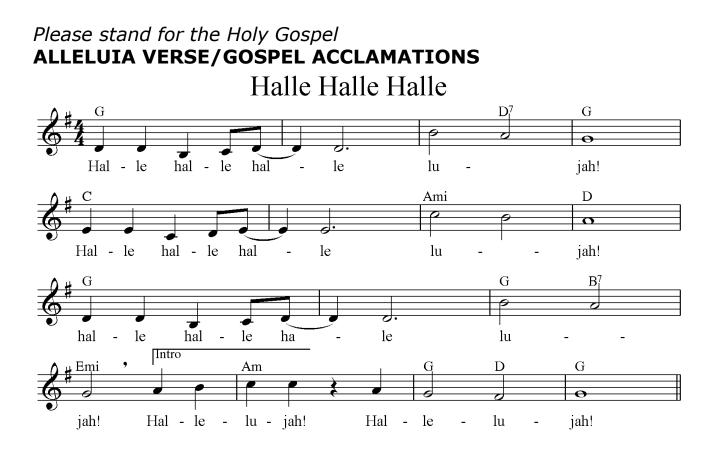
3. Turn to me, have mercy. Give our strength o your servant, to the child of your servant – and shame those who hate me because LROD you have helped me and comforted me. **REFRAIN** 

## Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

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

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



# P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter C Glory to you, O Lord

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

<sup>36</sup>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." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the

good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

- P The Gospel of Our Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ!

## **SERMON** Pastor Kyle

## **Blessed Assurance**



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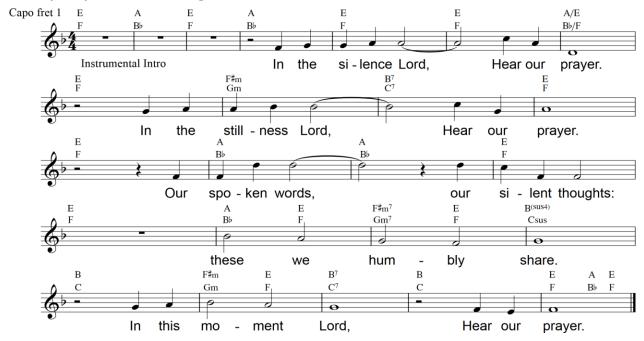
- A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:
- ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 greet one another in the name of the Lord

#### 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



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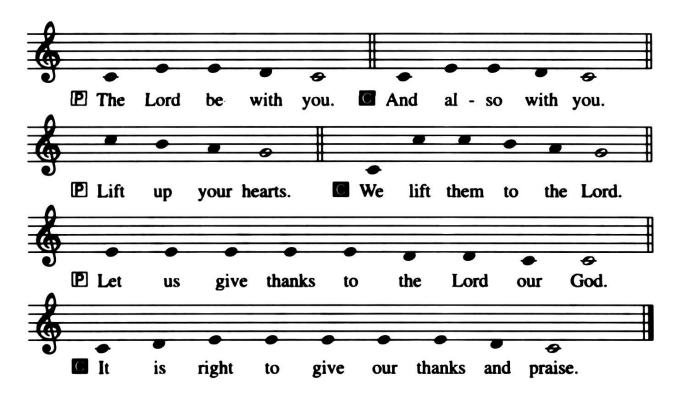
Please stand as our gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.



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**



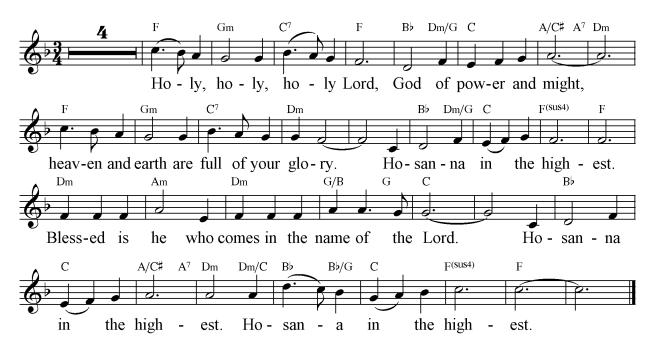
P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, holy God, mighty and immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The day of your final Jubilee dawned in your Son, Jesus, your Anointed One who announced good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free.

And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** [Latin, Holy & Blessed]

Jeremy Young



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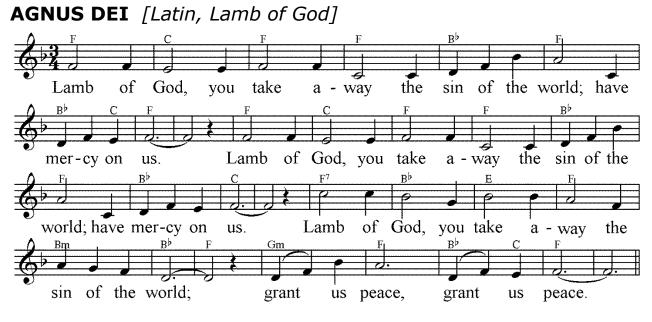
## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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



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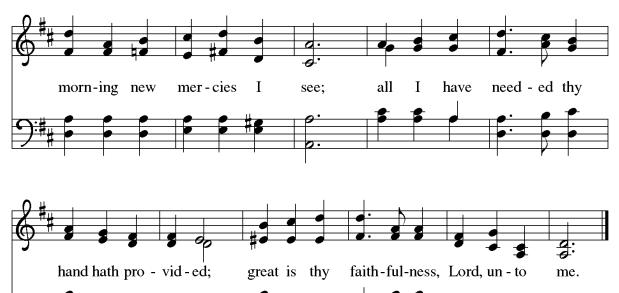
**HOLY COMMUNION** 

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."

The following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

## 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 Let us pray...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



C Thanks be to God!

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

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## 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.

#### **Tuesday, July 25, 2023** James, Apostle

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.



# **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<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** in the sanctuary.

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