



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL

Eighth Sunday After
Pentecost
July 26, 2020

Welcome! We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy. Please bear with us as we worship online together as a community. Please follow along with the service at home, saying the parts you would normally say.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn

*O Worship The King,
All Glorious Above!*

Hymnal 388

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

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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: 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.***

First Reading

Kings 3:5-12

***Reader:* A reading from the Book of Kings.**

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.***

Psalm 119:129-136

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

Sequence Hymn

Thy Kingdom Come

Hymn 615

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed

All: 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

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For the nations of the world that they will seek peace through reconciliation. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For migrants fleeing violence, and for those affected by terrorist attacks throughout the world. For prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For all victims of natural disasters. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For the sick and the suffering: For those suffering from deadly diseases, and for those who care for them. For all those who are included in our prayer list in the bulletin – and for their caregivers. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For all who bravely serve in our nation’s military, remembering especially _____. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially _____. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For all of the intentions we hold in our hearts and which we now recall aloud or silently. For all of these intentions: *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, St. John, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

The Collect at the Prayers

The Confession of Sins

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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. ***Amen.***

Hymn

O Day Of God, Draw Nigh

Hymn 601

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Postlude

The Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

Celebrant and People: ***God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Those in the Military – Trevor, Jeremy, Crystal, Michael, Christopher

Those Needing Prayer – Margaret (Peg) Harders, Lydia Grace Folcik, Brent Jensen, Travis O’Connell, Sheila Villa, Fred Durham, Nancy Bachman, Doug Sejkora, John DeLaCruz, Patrick Butera, Amanda Neiman, Lana Langenberg, Jordan Ortmeier, Mike Smidt, Kay Brown, Denton Stark, Dr. Hannelore Genaidy, Chuck Eigenberg

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