



ST. PAUL'S ON THE HILL
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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
26 JULY 2020 MORNING PRAYER 9:45 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: *Thy Kingdom Come*

OPENING SENTENCE: BCP 78

Priest: The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP 79

Priest and People: 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.

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Priest and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

Priest: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: **Come, let us adore him.**

✠ *The following prayer is said in unison.*

Venite

BCP 82

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hands are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

✠ *The psalm is said responsively by half verse.*

PSALM 105:1-11, 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *** make known his deeds among the peoples.**

- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; *** and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *** let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *** continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *** his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.**

- 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant, * **O children of Jacob, his chosen.**
7 He is the Lord our God; * **his judgments prevail in all the world.**
8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * **the promise he made for a
thousand generations.**
9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * **the oath he swore to Isaac.**
10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * **an everlasting covenant for
Israel.**
11 Saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan * **to be your allotted
inheritance.”**

45b **Hallelujah!**

THE EPISTLE

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 following canticle is said responsively by half verse.*

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, LORD GOD of our fathers; *** you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *** we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *** on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *** we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *** in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; *** we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

GOSPEL ANTHEM: *The Gift of Love*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "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 Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Mayer

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

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 to the dead.
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.

THE PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Priest Brothers and Sisters: God commands us to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all people and to strive for justice and peace. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation in this election year, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of all the nations of the world. We pray for continued blessings on peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on all who promote nonviolent solutions to conflict.
God of peace and gentleness,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our brothers and sisters. We pray for the rural and urban poor and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our world.

God of generosity and compassion,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country; that we may respect all people as precious children of God. Both in our hearts and under the law.

God of fellowship and equality,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for a reverence of creation; that we may have the tools and the will to conserve and share it; and that we may become better stewards of the earth.

God of nature and the universe,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that we may welcome them and treat them with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of justice and hope,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for the sick, the aged, the infirm, and the disabled; that all may have access to proper health care.

God of comfort and healing,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution.

God of absolution and mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, God save us from hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son. Watch over our country now and in the days ahead, guide our leaders and all who will vote and make your ways known among all people. In the passion of debate give us a quiet spirit and a courageous heart. In Jesus' name we pray.

People Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 231

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 PEACE

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 102

CLOSING HYMN: *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Evening Gatherings are presented by our clergy each night
by 7:00 PM on our Facebook Pages and Trinity's website

August 2	9:45 AM	Proper 13 (Rite I)
August 9	9:45 AM	Proper 14 (Rite II)
August 16	9:45 AM	St. Mary the Virgin
August 23	9:45 AM	Proper 16 (Rite II)
August 30	9:45 AM	Proper 17 (Rite I)