



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024
10:15 A.M.

Prelude	“Adagio”	<i>from Sonata No. 1</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Opening Hymn 372	“Praise to the living God”		<i>Leoni</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355
Collect for Purity	p. 355
Gloria in excelsis S280	Robert Powell
The Collect of the Day	p. 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 277

Commentary: David had made Jerusalem his capital city and he also wanted it to be the center of Israel's religious life. With this in mind, David made plans to bring the ark of the covenant from its current location to Jerusalem. Through Moses, God had given explicit instructions for how the ark was to be transported from place to place (see Exodus 25:13-15). God's holiness will not be compromised and although David set out with great rejoicing, God taught him that in this matter obedience was more important than good intentions (see 2 Samuel 6:6-12a). After a three month hiatus, the ark's journey to Jerusalem resumed. God's symbolic entry into the city was a cause for celebration, led by David as he joyfully danced before the ark.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

read responsively by whole verse

Domini est terra

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 **Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 **"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 **"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3–14

p. 1066

Commentary: The subject of Ephesians is the church and the crucial role it fills within God's great, eternal plan. Paul began the letter with praise because of what God has done for the believer, who is united with Jesus Christ in the spiritual realms. God called us to be His children, Jesus made our adoption possible by His death. Since God loves His Son, those who are in Christ can rejoice that they are also objects of God's love. The mystery revealed is God's purpose to bring everything in creation under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the future. The message of truth is for all who will accept it, whether Jew or Gentile.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 686

"Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

NRSV, p. 918

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

The Sermon The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

The Nicene Creed p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form IV p. 388

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 360

The Peace p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace
 Where there is hatred let me bring your love
 Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
 And where there is doubt true faith in You

Refrain:
O, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
 Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
 Where there is darkness only light
 And where there's sadness ever joy

Refrain
 Make me a channel of your peace
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
 It is in giving to all men that we receive
 And in dying that we are born to eternal life

Refrain
 Make me a channel of your peace
 Where there is hatred let me bring your love
 Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
 And where there is doubt true faith in You

arr. Martin Neary

Presentation Hymn 380 *third stanza only* *Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C		p. 369
Sanctus S129	“Holy, holy, holy Lord”	Powell
The Lord’s Prayer		p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		p. 364
Fraction Anthem: S152		Mason Martens
The Communion of the People	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.</i>	
Communion Hymns		
Hymn 321	“My God, thy table now is spread”	<i>Rockingham</i>
Hymn 304	“I come with joy to meet my Lord”	<i>Land of Rest</i>
Hymn 615	“Thy kingdom come! on bended knee”	<i>St. Flavian</i>
The Postcommunion Prayer		p. 365
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us pray.		
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		
Closing Hymn 492	“Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”	<i>Finnian</i>
The Dismissal		p. 366
Postlude	“Pisgah”	<i>Early American Hymntune</i> Dale Wood

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Downtown
Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare
Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser

Mt. Lebanon Chapel
Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Lay Preacher: Reid Murchison
Music: Zach Bugg

St. Mary’s, Burgaw
Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Dan MacGill
The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dotty Weathersbee.

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