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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II Morning Prayer, Year B

18 July, 2021

Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am

Prelude He shall feed his flock G. F. Handel

Hymn **Just as I am** (stanzas 1, 2, & 4) **Hymnal 693**

Celebrant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. – *Psalm 19:14*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

Celebrant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All **Come let us adore him.**

Gloria

Hymnal 408

Psalm 89:20-37 *Tunc locutus es*

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Reader A reading from **The Second Book of Samuel**.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them,

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Reader so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:11-22

Reader A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All

The Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant In Jesus' name we offer our prayers to God, who was and is and is to come, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For a world filled with computers and playgrounds, art museums and mud huts, jet planes and ox carts, green fields and barren deserts, we beg for your mercy. For a world filled with the sophisticated and the simple, the fruitful and the withered, the whole and the maimed, we beg for your mercy. For the joy that comes from respecting how each contributes to the whole, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For the church filled with teachers and dock workers, the disabled and the unemployed, the dying and the infants, the homemakers and the artists, we beg for your mercy. For a church filled with the sophisticated and the simple, the fruitful and the withered, the whole and the maimed, we beg for your mercy. For the hope that comes from respecting how each contributes to the whole, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For people whose lives are filled with anxiety and despair, happiness and health, pain and trouble, wonder and challenge, honest or bitter isolation, we beg for your mercy. For human lives filled with the sophisticated and the simple, the fruitful and the withered, the whole and the maimed, we beg for your mercy. Especially for Tony A., Tom C., Deborah L., Dave P., Brian R., Jerry S., Tom T., the V. Artac family, and the Sherer family we pray. For the peace that comes from respecting how each contributes to the whole, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for those who have recently died, especially Kathryn S.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Fill us, almighty God, with joy, hope, and peace. Grant that hostilities may cease, strangers become friends, and all humanity discover the world as your household. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn God, my king, thy might confessing (stanzas 1, 5, & 6)
Hymnal 414

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