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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 Year A
July 19, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – Hybrid

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. If you are online, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are online reading a lesson, or offering an intercession or thanksgiving during the prayers, please unmute yourself; then re-mute.

Music is in this bulletin, and may be taken from The Hymnal 1982; Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP); Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS II); Voices Found (VF); and My Heart Sings Out (MHSO). The liturgy is from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and its supplement Enriching Our Worship (EOW).

The Celebrant says, and the people respond

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Jim Jarvis

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah

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.
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.
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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17 *Inclina, Domine*

All say

**Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Mike Wilson

Reader A Reading from Romans

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- 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. For 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-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 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. 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. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O day of God, draw nigh

Hymnal 601



The musical notation is for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time-less judg-ment now to match our pres-ent hour.
 2 qui-et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o-beyed.
 3 fine-ly build for days to come foun-da-tions that en-dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des-o-la-tion cease.
 5 there be light a-gain, and set thy judg-ments in the earth.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lyn Burns

The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together

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.

Prayers of the People

Led by the Intercessor

The intercessor offers prayers for the Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; concerns of the community; those who suffer or are in any trouble; and the departed. A brief silence is kept between each prayer. Those online may "unmute" to add their own petitions and thanksgivings, along with those in the church, when indicated by the intercessor.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect

Divine reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified. **Amen.**

(Concluding Collect from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare.)

Confession and Absolution

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept, then all say

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Those online may unmute briefly to offer their response along with those in the sanctuary.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Peace of Christ be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

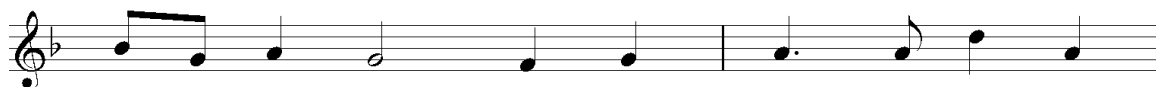
Offertory Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665



- 1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
- 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
- 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
- * 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
- 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



- 1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
- 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
- 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
- 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
- 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



- 1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
- 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
- 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
- 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
- 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



- 1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
- 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
- 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
- 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

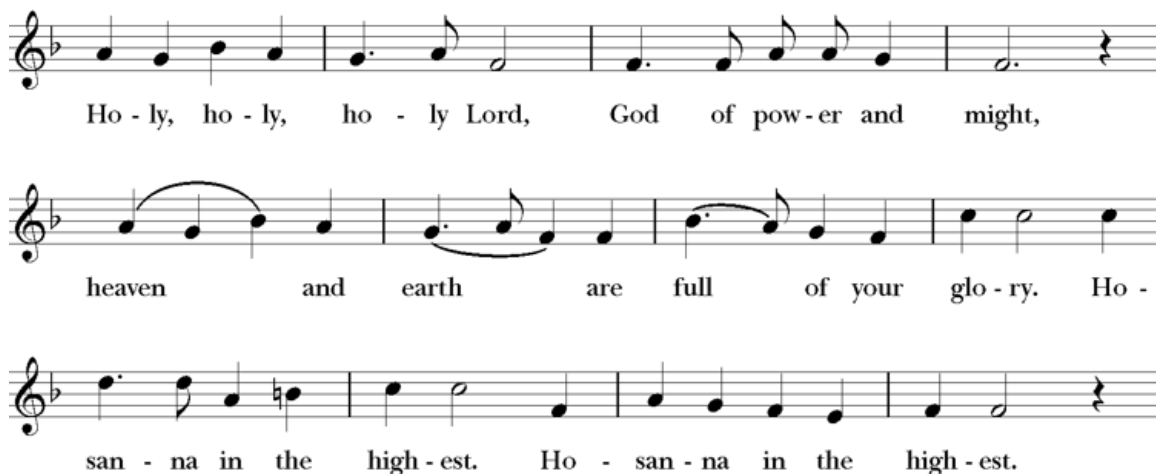
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new
life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

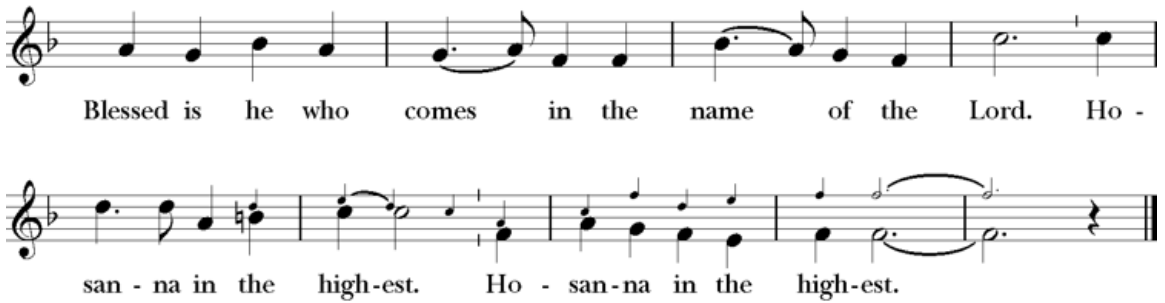
Sanctus

Hymnal S 125

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant says

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All say

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 867

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the

Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one

bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The Celebrant invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

Communion Hymn

God the sculptor of the mountains

WLP 746



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we

may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Hymnal 347

1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
 2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
 4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Blessing

The priest pronounces God's blessing; the people respond, "Amen."

The Wisdom, Love, and Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements

Calendar

Today: Coffee Hour in the McClure Room

Next Sunday: Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 25: Church Clean-up

Please come to the church cleanup from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25. Let's take a little time to make the inside of Trinity shine and sparkle! Your participation is much appreciated. Questions? Please contact Sarah Ray at sclarksonray@gmail.com. Thanks!

Sunday, August 2: Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 11, the Sunday closest to July 20, Year A

Welcome to our parish. As we continue to read the Gospel according to Matthew each Sunday, we are in a section of Jesus' parables concerning the Kingdom of God. This parable of the wheat and the weeds reaffirms God's patience with the Church. While we are often impatient with its failures, God is merciful and waits until the end before separating the good from the bad. Jesus urges us to grow into fruitful members of God's new community of hope, justice, and love.

The first reading from Isaiah is a message of God to God's people. Despite the fearfulness and majesty of the description, we are told not to be afraid. God's power is not a power to destroy, but the power of love.

In the second reading, Paul assures us that the whole creation is moving toward redemption. Through our redemption will come the redemption of the whole creation. Therefore, the whole creation waits with longing for our redemption to be complete.

We share in God's work in the world in order that God's redemptive power may lead us and all humanity toward what Jesus called the Kingdom. We share also in order that we may be the means by which redemption comes to the whole of creation. This is our vocation as the people of God and as members of the Body of Christ.

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