ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Shawnee, Kansas



Parable of the Enemy Sowing Tares." Unknown, 1894

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE EIGHT SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 11

July 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.

The Opening Hymn

O Worship the King The Hymnal 1982 #388





All standing, the Celebrant says

Opening Acclamation

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

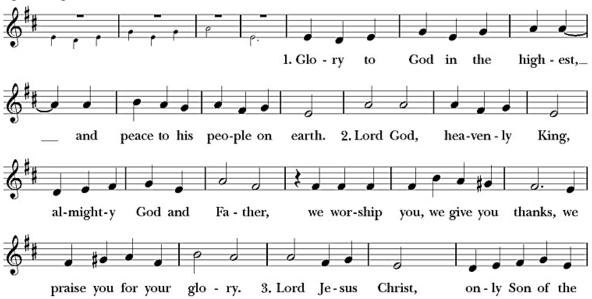
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

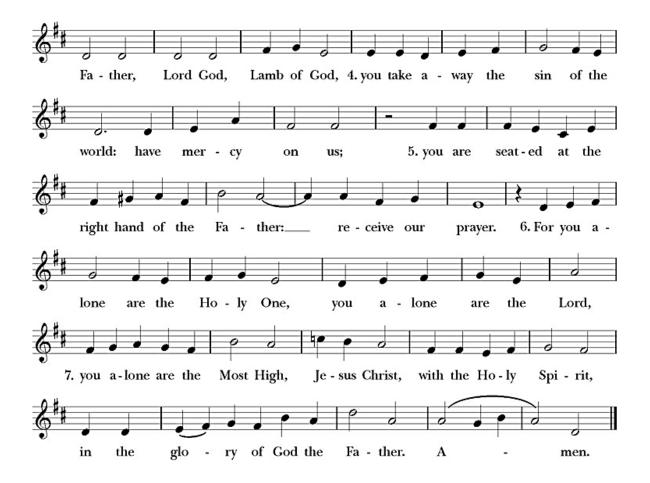
Collect of Purity

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.*

Song of Praise The Hymnal 1982 #S279

Sung all together





Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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*.

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Domine, probasti

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

A period of silence is kept.

The Epistle Romans 8:12-25

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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

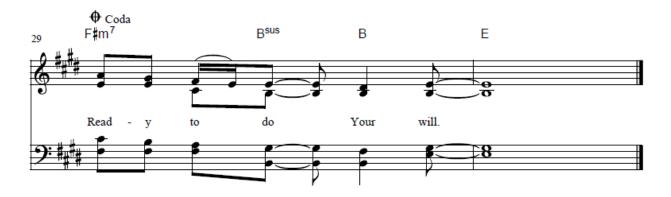
Please stand as able.

Gospel Anthem

Refiner's Fire







The Gospel Matthew 13: 24-30,36-43

All stand as able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Reverend Jonathan Brice

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 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

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

Please stand or kneel as able.



Prayers of the People
July 23, 2023
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 11

As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray, saying: In the Spirit we plead, **hear us, O God**.

O God, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord. In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead, *hear us, O God*.

O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, all the sick. Give health and peace to all. In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

O God, we pray for the dead. On the last day gather us all into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Aidan's, Olathe

In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces: Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Benjamin Karpinski; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar; Henry Kniggendorf; Sean Bess; Maxwell Hayselden;

In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

For Health & Strength: Viola Cleo Bradshaw; Gloria Beaty and the Beaty Family; Terry Rausin; Maxdon Fuller; Kyle Roberts; Trudy Vanderwide; Cindy Keller; Scott Forsen; Kay Allen; Riek, Fletcher, and Heitman families and especially Cindy Heitman; John Hoffman; Kathy Uhrmacher; Matt Hunnicutt; Susan St. John; Lisa Houghton; Jeanne and Bruce Miller; Kristy Maendele; Staci Hersh; John Birtwell and Family; Theresa Textor; Eloise and Claton Clevenger and family; Dalton Peavler; Craig and Jeanette Burris;

In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

For Birthdays: Jeanne Miller; Claire Hibb's First Birthday!

For Anniversaries: Carey and Jessica Sramek.

In the Spirit we plead, *hear us*, *O God*.

O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Anniversary Prayer

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully upon these couples who come to you seeking your blessing on this their anniversary, continue assisting them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. The people kneel as they are able.

Celebrant 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*.

The Exchange of Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet each other safely.

The Offertory Sentence

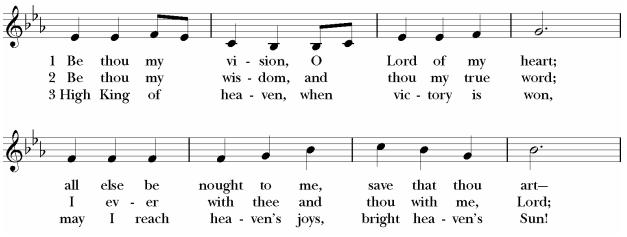
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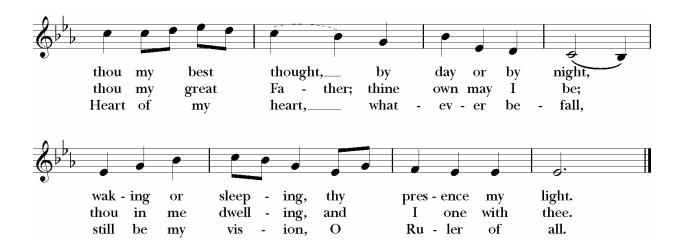
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*



Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision The Hymnal 1982 #488





The Presentation of Bread

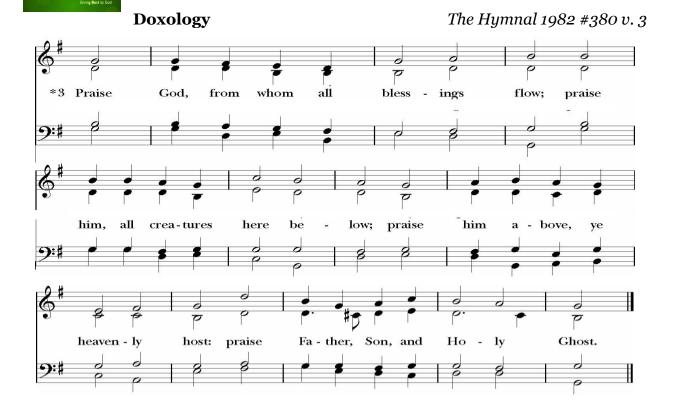


All stand as able.

offerings



Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine.



Celebrant All things come from you O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Standing as you are able.

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.

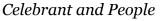
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

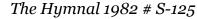
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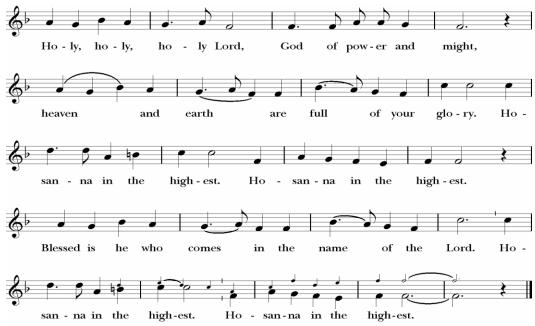
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:







The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

(All together)

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that

Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with

thanksgiving.

Celebrant

The table of bread is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more;

you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.



HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion All are welcome at the altar rail. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or if you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest at the altar.

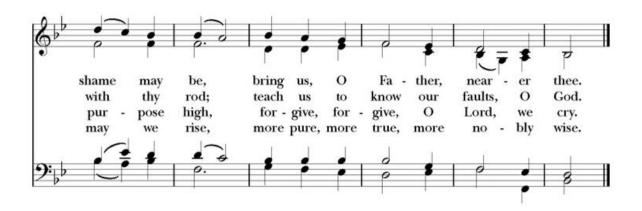
Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

The choir will receive first. Please wait until the usher releases your pew. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Father Jonathan will intinct the wafer in consecrated wine. If you do not desire this please make your needs known.

Communion Hymn

Before Thy Throne, O God The Hymnal 1982 #574





Kneel as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Announcements

Stand as able.

The Closing Hymn

Praise to God, Immortal Praise The Hymnal 1982 #288



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



Flowers Given:

In Celebration of Claire's First Birthday! By Amanda Textor and Jerry Hibbs



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