

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday 18 July 2021 • 9:00 AM

Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL

## GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

*Benedictus*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

WELCOME

HYMN

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGLEIN



1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;  
3 To - day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear;  
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
Christ's liv - ing pres-ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.  
at length our rest at - tain - ing, our end - less Sab - bath day.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.  
and thus, on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.  
from grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

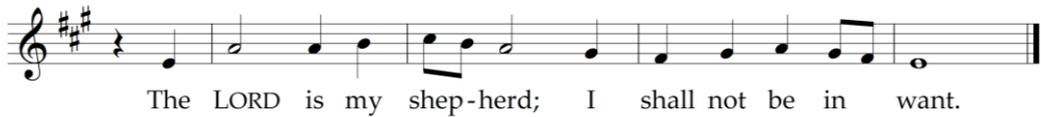
**W**oe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

## Response



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters. *Response*
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Response*
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Response*

## THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

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.

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

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

*The people stand, as able, for the Sequence Hymn.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** (Sts. 1-4)

**"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"**

REPTON



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*Preacher*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**T**he 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.

*Preacher*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## REFLECTION

Donna Ialongo

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

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 OF THE PEOPLE

*The people kneel or stand for the Prayers.*

*Reader* Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, priests, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one

another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Presider* We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is 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.**

*Presider* 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.**



*Presider* 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* 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:

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

*Presider*     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 LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### The Invitation

*From a sermon by St. Augustine*

*Presider* Behold what you are;

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

## THE COMMUNION

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **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



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de - vo - tion voic - ing;  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly, one voice hear - ing,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrong for - giv - ing, we go forth a - lert and liv - ing



glo - ry be to God on high! Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing,  
 ears at - tentive to your word; by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing,  
 in your Spirit, strong and free. Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion,



by this Eu - cha - rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 in your Bo - dy, firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 seek - ing peace in ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

## SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

### THE DISMISSAL

*The preacher offers a dismissal, and the people respond*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### POSTLUDE

Tocatta and Fugue in F (BuxWV 157)

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## **How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?**

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

## **Why use incense in worship?**

Incense has a long history in Christianity, Judaism and other religions. It adds our noses to the multi-sensory experience of worship. The psalmist expresses the symbolism of incense and prayer: “Let my prayer rise like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

The clouds of incense represent cleansing and purification. The sweet smell suggests Christ's righteousness that covers sin. In some traditions, incense is used to honor holy things and holy people (the gathered people, that is, the body of Christ). The altar/table, the bread and wine, the ministers and the assembly may be “censed” as a way of showing their importance in the liturgy. Incense adds a festive accompaniment to processions, creating “holy clouds” and “holy smells” in the air.

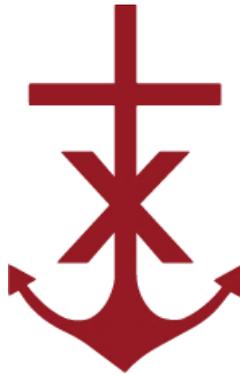
The sweet smell of incense is a doorway to the holy in the same way that beautiful music, flowers, stained glass, or a room/building can lead us to ponder the mystery of God's presence. Incense in worship is an ancient practice that connects us to the Church around the world and through the ages.

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if you're here, you belong!*



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