The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
26 July 2020
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist
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Welcome to Grace Cathedral — online! You are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

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Voluntary

The Gathering
Sung by the choir.

Welcome
The presider greets the congregation joining via livestream.

Opening Acclamation
Presider Blessed be the One Holy and Living God
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Hymn 462
Sung by all, standing.

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps can-not err;
Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos-som show;
Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick-ed earth re-dress;
The na-tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame
For great thou art, and won-der-s great by thy strong hand are done:
before him right-ous-ness shall go, his roy-al har-bin-ger.
and jus-tice, from her heaven-ly bower, look down on us be-low.
for thou art he who shalt by right the na-tions all pos-sess.
to bow them low be-fore thee, Lord, and glo-ri fy thy Name.
thou in thy ev-er-last-ing seat re-main-est God a-lone.

text: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.; music: melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615;
adapt. The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm. John Milton Sr. (1563?-1647)

Gloria in excelsis
(See BCP p. 365 for text)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The Collect of the Day

Presider  May God be with you.
People   And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Reader   A reading from the book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

All   Thanks be to God.

Psalm 128: 1−2, 4−6

Choir, then all The LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life.

Choir Happy are they all who fear the LORD, *
      and who follow in the ways of the LORD!
      You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
      happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
The one who fears the LORD * shall thus indeed be blessed.
The LORD bless you from Zion, *
      and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children’s children; *
      may peace be upon Israel.

All The LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life.
Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Second Reading: Romans 8: 26–39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 302

Sung by all, standing.

Rendez à Dieu
The choir alone sings the first alleluia, then the people join in.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;

All

you have the words of ev - er - last-ing life.

All repeat the three alleluias.

Before the Gospel

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

After the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Rev. Anna E. Rossi

Succentor
The Nicene Creed

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition Living God, hear our prayer. The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin

All we confess our sins to God.

Let us confess our sins to God.

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 presider pronounces God’s absolution.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Announcements about your cathedral home, and the many ways you can be a part of this vibrant online and in-person community.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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**Anthem**

**Choir** Let us now laud and magnify with music of concord the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, one ever living Lord, with tuned notes that sweetly sound to praise our heav’n’ly king, with cheerful hearts, with pleasant voice on this wise let us sing: Glory be to the Trinity, one God and persons three; as it is now and ever was, and evermore shall be. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Presider, continuing** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

**Choir** 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, continuing** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**Presider, concluding** ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**All** AMEN.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Presider** Wherever you are, please pray in the language of your heart the words that Jesus gave us

**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 follows.

The choir alone sings the first alleluia, then the people join in.

**Choir** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

All repeat the three alleluias.
Spiritual Communion

Presider  The Gifts of God for the people of God.

One of these prayers for spiritual communion follows.

Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and know that you are with us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. Now and always we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. In your most holy name. Amen.

Gracious God, we love you above all things, and are grateful that you are with us. Come spiritually into our hearts, unite our entire selves to you and never permit us to be separated from your presence. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Choir  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
       Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider  Let us pray.

All  Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Sending Forth

Hymn 488

Sung by all, standing.

Lord of all___ hope - ful - ness,___ Lord of all___ joy,
Lord of all___ ca - ger - ness,___ Lord of all___ faith,
Lord of all___ kind - li - ness,___ Lord of all___ grace,
Lord of all___ gen - tle - ness,___ Lord of all___ calm,
whose___ trust, ev - er___ child - like, no cares could des - troy,
whose___ strong hands were___ skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your___ hands swift to___ wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose___ voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,
be there at___ our___ wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at___ our___ la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at___ our___ hom - ing and give us, we pray,
be there at___ our___ sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,
unlabeled

**The Blessing and Dismissal**  
The presider pronounces God’s blessing.

All respond  
**Amen.**

Deacon  
Let us bless the Lord.

All  
**Thanks be to God.**

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- **Presider**  The Rev. Canon Jude Harmon, Canon for Innovative Ministries
- **Homilist**  The Rev. Anna E. Rossi, Succentor
- **Gospel Deacon**  The Rev. Doe Yates, Assisting Clergy
- **Deacon**  The Rev. Scot Sherman, Executive Director, Newbigin House of Studies
- **Musicians**  Adam Cole, Bass  
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