

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m.



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## The Word of God

*Prelude: Organ Concerto in A Minor I*

J.S. Bach

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Living God

Hymn #372

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Amos 7:7-15

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Peter Huang

Please remain seated, and join in singing,  
The Response

Psalm 85

TRURO

Show us, O Lord, your stead - fast love, and let your sav - ing grace be near; to  
To ev - 'ry - one who wor - ships him his sav - ing help is ve - ry near; his  
Mer - cy and truth at last have met, jus - tice and peace are re - con - ciled; truth  
9 The Lord will grant pros - per - i - ty, our land will yield its full in - crease; jus -  
those who turn their hearts to him the Lord speaks peace and I will hear.  
pur - pose is that in our land his ra - diant glo - ry may ap - pear.  
has a - ris - en from the earth, jus - tice looked down from heav'n and smiled.  
tice shall go be - fore the Lord, the path - way for his feet is peace.

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The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,  
The Gospel Procession

Speak, O Lord (first verse)

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re - ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
5 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fas - hion us in your like - ness; that the  
9 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by  
light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
13 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - po - ses for your glo - ry.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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The Holy Gospel Mark 6:14-29

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please join in singing the second verse of 'Speak, O Lord'.*

*Please remain seated for*

† The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Huang

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

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

*The People join in reading the words in bold.*

Sustaining God, create in us hearts open to the transforming power of your love.

You invite us to gather the world's needs into our hearts and to trust your compassionate Presence.

For the people of God throughout the world, for those in civil and religious leadership, and for us gathered as your church family. God of wisdom, **let us fulfil your vision entrusted to us.**

For goodwill among nations, for the well-being of all people, and for boldness in confronting issues of inequality, hatred, greed, violence, and prejudice. God of justice, **let us be an authentic light in our world.**

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **let us be strong to help and serve.**

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison or afraid. Let us pray for all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Susie Allen, Douglas Bedell, Howard Dale, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Amalia Fraker, Hector Gutierrez, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Nancy Jacobsmeyer, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Karen Pearson, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).* God of all healing, **let us become whole and holy.**

For all those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, violence and abuse of any kind in our country and around the world, from the consequences of natural disasters, for those who grieve from tragic loss, and for prayers for a healing resolution of the crisis on our border.

God of protecting love and strength, **let us be instruments of your peace and protection.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...

*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).*

God of all we have, **let us be grateful for moments of blessing.**

For those we love but see no longer, for all those who have died, especially those we name to you now...

*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).*

God of comfort and grace, **let us live for you all the days of our lives.**

Let us pray together:

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

*(Collect no. 51 from the Book of Common Prayer.)*

## The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Please stand or kneel as able*

**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. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able for*

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Children of God

Mark Hayes

*Children of God, children of God, we shall be called the children of God.  
Loving the world, sharing God's peace; we shall be called the children of God.*

*With eyes full of compassion for the multitudes, hands to touch the lepers and the lame,  
arms to hold the hurting and the prodigals, offer love and peace in Jesus' name.  
Children of God...*

*Listen to the empty cries of loneliness, souls imprisoned, yearning for release.*

*Drawing from the fullness of the Savior's love, offer the gifts of fellowship and peace. Speak a word of love to a wounded heart;  
to the troubled spirit whisper peace. Happy are the ones who share the love of God, knowing that God's love will never cease.*

*Children of God...*

*We are God's children, yes! We are God's children.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Hymn #380 v. 3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise  
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Music after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?) Words by Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

## The Offertory Prayers

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

*Please remain standing for,  
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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.*

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing,



## Sanctus

## Holy, Holy

## LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are  
 6 full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, in the name of the  
 12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LAND OF REST American Folk Tune, Arrangement by Annabel Buchanan (1889-1983)Worship, Love , & Praise #859

*All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

**You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.**

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves.

**We would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

**You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.**

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

**"Do this for the remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

**"Do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your Creation this bread and this wine.

† By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

**Bring all of us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say  
**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

Here, O My Lord

MORECAMBE

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 MORECAMBE by Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

### The Communion of the People

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread\* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.*

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

### Communion Music

You Are Mine

David Haas

*I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
 You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
 In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
 Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

*I am strength for all the despairing. I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.*

*Do not be afraid...*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give.  
 I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!*

*Do not be afraid...*

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant We send you out to share this Holy Communion with our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_.

**People** May you be guided by the Holy Spirit as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.

Celebrant May those who share in this Communion be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray together our Mission Statement:

**All** We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

## The Blessing

Celebrant May the peace of Christ 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.



Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

## The Recessional Hymn

## Go To The World

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go preach the cross where  
Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go live the word of  
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you  
Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our new  
God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and  
12 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A -  
birth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
space. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!  
men!" Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Festival March

G. F. Handel

