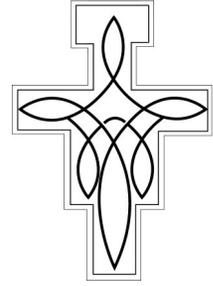


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



The Word of God

Prelude: Impromptu in Gb major

Franz Schubert

The Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn #365 vv 1 & 4

Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,
help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre - at - ed own,
hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in glo - ry see,
build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Words Anon ca. 1757 Music MOSCOW, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796). Hymn #365, The Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

1st Reader A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Reader: Clara Deley

Psalm 119:129-136, *Mirabilia*

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Gospel Anthem

Oseh Shalom

arr. Ray Urwin

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

Spanish-Portugese melody, arr. Ray Urwin, 2009.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

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

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

Readers: Will (and Mary) Deley

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

Sustaining God, hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken.

For civil and religious leaders, for those working for peace and justice, for those working with the poor and the unsheltered, bless them with integrity and truth, compassion and love. God of wisdom, **hear our prayers.**

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, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **hear our prayers.**

For all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Gale Lovrich, the Miles family, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all healing, **hear our prayers.**

For those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, injustice, gun violence, abuse or prejudice of any kind, and from the consequences of diseases and natural disasters. We pray for the healing of those suffering from the coronavirus and those ministering to them. God of protecting love, **hear our prayers.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all we have, **hear our prayers.**

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, **hear our prayers.**

Celebrant Gracious God, thank you for always doing more than we could ask for or even imagine.

Help us be faithful to our Christian calling especially in this world that needs people of justice, of peace and dreamers for a world of one heart. We ask this in the name and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

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

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.

The Absolution

✠ 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

Ye Now Are Sorrowful (from Brahms Requiem)

Johannes Brahms

Jill Lynch, solo; David Knight, organ

Jeannie Cobb, Kirsten Goulde, Susan Tsuji, Lance Asuzada, quartet

Ye now are sorrowful, howbeit, ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful.

(Yea, I will comfort you as one whom his own mother comforteth.)

Look upon me, ye know that, for a little time, labor and sorrow were mine, but at the last I have found comfort.

(Yea, I will comfort you.)

Ye now are sorrowful, howbeit, ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful, and your joy no man taketh from you.

(As one whom his own mother comforteth.) Ye shall again behold me. (I will comfort you.)

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.

They will become for us spiritual food.

People We bless God forever.

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People We Bless God forever.

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages.

We thank you that we can be present spiritually around your table, no matter how near or far.

People We bless God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here.

People We praise God together.

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

People God has done so much for us.

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink.

You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.
And so we praise you with all the angels as we say:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

People All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

Celebrant He died for us on the cross and rose from the dead so your Spirit can make us your people.

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

There he took some bread and gave thanks to you.

He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them, and said, "This is my body.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.

He shared it with them, and said

"This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever,

† Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine so it can be for us the body and blood of Jesus.
Through this food give us the strength to live as your people.

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

People Help us to love God, love others, serve the world, until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.

Celebrant We worship you, praise you, thank you and we bless you. 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.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive

Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

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.

All Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

5 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and he shall find,
9 and all these things will be added unto you; Al-le-lu! Al-le-lu-ia!
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

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Postlude: Trumpet Tune

Jeremiah Clarke