

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 12 Sunday, July 26, 2020

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II



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In accordance with our new polices specified in 'The Parishes Plan for the Gradual Return to In-Church Corporate Worship' and the solemn nature of this service, please follow all instructions given by the usher and be seated as promptly as you are able while maintaining social distance.

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The Season after Pentecost

The Season *after* the day of Pentecost, according to the calendar of the church year (*Book of Common Prayer, p.32*). It begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The Book of Common Prayer provides proper collects and readings for the other Sundays of the season. These propers are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. For example, Proper 3 is designated for use, if needed, on the Sunday closest to May 25. Prior to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Sundays in this long period of the church year were identified and counted in terms of the number of Sundays after Trinity Sunday instead of the number of Sundays after Pentecost.

Please be seated promptly, as you are able.

Prelude

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

The Word of God

Please remain standing, as you are able.

Opening Acclamations

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

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

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Gloria

Celebrant People 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

Celebrant God 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.

People Amen

Please be seated.

The Readings

A reading from of the Book of Genesis.

(Genesis 29:15-28) (Common English Bible)

Laban said to Jacob, "You shouldn't have to work for free just because you are my relative. Tell me what you would like to be paid." Now Laban had two daughters: the older was named Leah and the younger Rachel. Leah had delicate eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and was good-looking. Jacob loved Rachel and said, "I will work for you for seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter."

Laban said, "I'd rather give her to you than to another man. Stay with me." Jacob worked for Rachel for seven years, but it seemed like a few days because he loved her. Jacob said to Laban, "The time has come. Give me my wife so that I may sleep with her." So Laban invited all the people of that place and prepared a banquet. However, in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he slept with her. Laban had given his servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah as her servant. In the morning, there she was—Leah! Jacob said to Laban, "What have you done to me? Didn't I work for you to have Rachel? Why did you betray me?"

Laban said, "Where we live, we don't give the younger woman before the oldest. Complete the celebratory week with this woman. Then I will give you this other woman too for your work, if you work for me seven more years." So that is what Jacob did. He completed the celebratory week with this woman, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

Lector

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Remain seated. The Psalm is prayed in unison.

(Psalm 105:1-11) (Saint Helena Psalter)

- ¹ We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name, * we make known your deeds among the peoples,
- ² We sing to you; we sing your praise * and speak of all your marvelous works,
- ³ We glory in your holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;
- ⁴ We search for you and your strength; * we continue to seek your face;
- ⁵ We remember the marvels you have done, * the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:
- ⁶ We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, * we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.
- ⁷ You are our God indeed; * your judgments prevail in all the world.

- 8 You have always been mindful of your covenant, * the promise you made for a thousand generations:
- ⁹ The covenant you made with Abraham, * the oath that you swore to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ Which you established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- ¹¹ Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan * to be their allotted inheritance."

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

(Romans 8:26-39)

Likewise 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.

Lector

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People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Voluntary

The Holy Gospel

(Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

Celebrant All The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before them 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.'

Jesus 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.

The Gospel continues on next page.

'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 Jesus 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 All The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated, as you are directed.

Sermon

Silence may be kept.

The Reverend Brian G. Rallison

Nicene Creed

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.

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The Prayers of the People - Form II

Leader 1

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Daniel; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Charles, Bob Jr. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Kenneth, Sasha, Evelyn, Brian, Steve, Maureen, Karen, Gary, Edwina, Jamie, Paula, Joe, Andy, Linda, Joyce, the clerics and people of the Pennypack Deanery, Lori and Joe, and all those who have been affected by COVID-19.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for the birth of Nathaniel (grandson to Bette and Joe Harrelson) and all those who have helped and continue to support our food ministries.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Saint Paul, the Holy Innocents, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Collect at the Prayers

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

Confession of Sins

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant

Most merciful God,

People

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.

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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

In accordance with our new polices specified in 'The Parishes Plan for the Gradual Return to In-Church Corporate Worship,' please remain in your seats to give the sign of peace. There is to be NO physical contact at this time. Everyone must adhere to the six foot social distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Announcements

Please be seated, as you are directed.

Life Changes

Those that are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or major day in their life will be invited up to have the congregation pray for them.

All

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them 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 heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Celebrant

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

The process of making donations and contributions has been adapted for our new policies.

The collection plate has been placed on a table in the front of the church (on the left hand side of the altar). You may place your contributions in the plate at the end of the service, while continuing to maintain 6 feet of social distance.

We are thankful for your support of the ministries of Holy Innocents St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Your financial contribution allows us to promote God's message of love and hope for all people in our neighborhood and beyond.

Here is our easy to scan QR code for online giving. Open up your phone camera and point it at the code.



The Liturgy of the Table Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A — Rite II

Please stand, as you are able.

Offertory Voluntary

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

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 thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Eucharistic prayer continues on next page.

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or continue to stand. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

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.

People AMEN.

Celebrant People 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 in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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.

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Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

All are welcome to God's Holy meal. Please note the following: In accordance with our new polices specified in 'The Parishes Plan for the Gradual Return to In-Church Corporate Worship', everyone is to remain in their seat.

Father Brian will come to each of you to distribute the Eucharist. Keep your mask on until the appropriate time. Clean your hands with the hand sanitizer (stationed in every pew). The host will be dropped into your hands. After Father Brian walks away, you may remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and then replace your mask. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest and Father Brian will bless you with the sign of the cross.

Communion Voluntary

Please stand, as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Come, Come, Ye Saints

- 1. Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear; But with joy wend your way. Though hard to you this journey may appear, Grace shall be as your day. 'Tis better far for us to strive Our useless cares from us to drive; Do this, and joy your hearts will swell— All is well! All is well!
- Why should we mourn or think our lot is hard? Tis not so; all is right.
 Why should we think to earn a great reward If we now shun the fight?
 Gird up your loins; fresh courage take.
 Our God will never us forsake;
 And soon we'll have this tale to tell—
 All is well! All is well!
- 3. We'll find the place which God for us prepared, Far away in the West, Where none shall come to hurt or make afraid; There the Saints will be blessed. We'll make the air with music ring, Shout praises to our God and King; Above the rest these words we'll tell—All is well! All is well!

The postlude continues on next page.

⁴ And should we die before our journey's through, Happy day! All is well! We then are free from toil and sorrow, too; With the just we shall dwell! But if our lives are spared again To see the Saints their rest obtain, Oh, how we'll make this chorus swell— All is well! All is well!

Please take your seats when Father Brian is fully processes down the aisle. Patiently remain in your pew until the usher escorts you out of the church. The ushers will be individually directing everyone to the exit. Remember, there is to be ABSOLUTELY NO CONGRGATING inside or around the church grounds after the service.

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Kenneth Miller* Sasha Rivera* Steve Huber* Evelyn Huber* Maureen Kelly** Edwina Benson** Karen Lachman** Joe Lynch** Jamie Brown-Highan** Andy Taylor*** Joyce Eckert*** All the clerics of our deanery Those suffering due to People who work in food and COVID-19 delivery services

For those who have departed

Charles John Lynch** Bob Muschelson Jr.**

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Brian Huber*

Gary Jones**

Paula Castello** Linda Mullen***

our Food Pantry

All health care workers

Those who have donated to

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Wednesday at 3 pm each week for the following Sunday. Kindly do not call the office after the deadline to ask if you

can get your announcement made in this week's bulletins. If there are questions about your announcements, we will call you or email you back.

** Friendly reminder: Announcements are for church ministries only **



Ministers of Worship

If you are a Minister of Worship and you have not been receiving messages through Ministry Scheduler Pro, please contact Kristina Marchuk and update her on your availability for the coming weeks. You can also contact us through email at Scheduler@BetterTogetherInPhilly.church. If you want to be added to this ministry, please email or call Father Brian. *If you have a last minute schedule change, Kristina must be notified so that we can schedule a replacement. Thank you!



Food Pantry at Grace

A gracious thank you to all that have donated thus far! The food pantry can always use more donations, such as **cereal**, **pasta sauce**, **soup**, **beans**, **rice**, **tuna**, **canned chicken**, **mashed potatoes**, **can fruit**, **mayonnaise**, **ketchup**, **and mustard**. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the office to schedule a time to make a drop off. No donation is too small!

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Father Brian is available in his office during office hours. Please call the office to speak with him or schedule an appointment. If you have a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to give Father Brian a call on his cell phone and <u>leave a message</u> at 267-432-4224.

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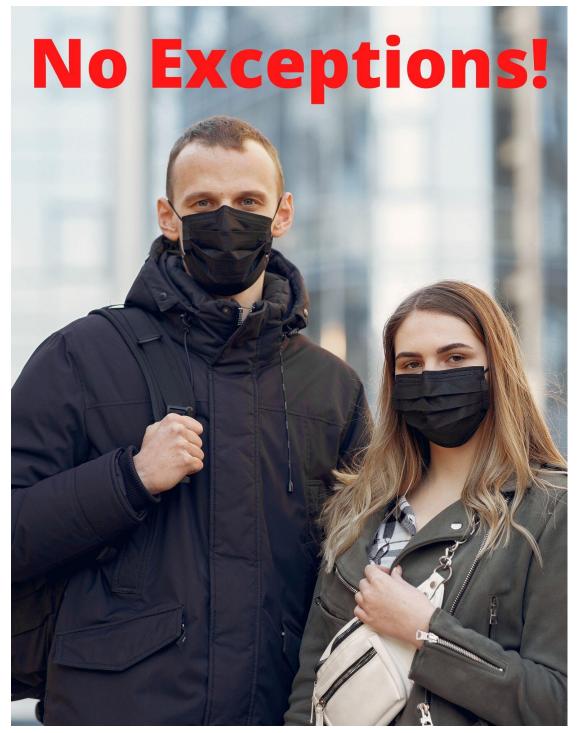
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