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## MORNING WORSHIP

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 12

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July 26, 2020 | St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant says*

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

*People*

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

**Amen.**

*All together:*

**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 TRISAGION

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.

### 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.

*People* **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **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.

## **SECOND READING**

Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## **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.**

## SERMON

### THE 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* We ask God to hear us, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

*Leader:* For God's church, for the Anglican Communion, for this diocese, for the parish of St. Andrew's, especially as it searches for a new rector and as its vestry meets on Monday, and for our sister parish, Christ the King Church and School in LeHoye, Haiti, and for our joint mission project and Daughters of the King chapter with St. Paul's, Albany. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For this nation, the city of Albany, and all cities and communities facing increased gun violence. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For blessing and protection for those caring for the ill and those working for social justice and equal opportunities for all. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For those who are poor, unemployed, sick and in need. We especially remember... **Mary H., Kevin, Terri, Ethel, B.J., Art, Agnes, Patricia, Manuel, Amy, Dennis, Betty Dean, Melinda, Matthew, Ethan, Richard, Rita, Elizabeth, Adam, Terence, Jeff, Seneca, Danny, Michael, Yeva, John, Allen, Lavinia, Frieda, Pren, Bernadette, Jennifer, Steve, Andrea, Margaret, Mary, John H., Chris, Patsy, Nancy, Steve M., Bud, Marcy, Bob, Don, Carmen, Tristan, Jim C., Claire, Jaxon, Bob, Winter Lillie, Marlina, Ro, Peter, Casey, Bob L., Mona, Bill H., Barbara, Sadie, Morrill Family, Vince, Bob T., Lisa, Geoff, Fr. Keith, Jose, Henry, Rick, Melissa and family, Deb** and those we now name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For all here present and those worshipping remotely. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For courage and wisdom to be good stewards of your creation and to combat the causes of climate change and for those suffering from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For the thanksgivings and blessings that we name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* For all who have died, including Don Hurt, father of Melissa, and for the victims of violence and COVID-19. Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for power and spirit among the people of God. Together, we say

**God of all power and love,**

**we give thanks for your unfailing presence**

**and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**

**Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:**

**a people who pray, worship, learn,**

**break bread, share life, heal neighbors,**

**bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.**

**Wherever and however we gather,**

**unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,**

**that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## THE OFFERTORY

### HYMN

*"Be thou my vision"*

Hymnal 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane), Irish, ca. 700;*

*versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
 we now pray,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

*Celebrant*      The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People*          **Amen.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

Fugue in D major  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)