

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 26, 2020



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

VOLUNTARY

Prayer: *Oba A Ba Ke* (God of the Rainbow, Hear our Prayer)
Final Movement, *Andante sostenuto e doloroso*

Fela Sowande

OPENING HYMN

O God of vision

Jane Parker Huber
LOBE DEN HERREN

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
Gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew life in your breath-taking view,
Lovely beyond all our dreaming.

Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.
May our diversity here be a means to adore you.
Women and men, young, old, and youthful again,
Make us as one, we implore you.

Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision.
Speak through the dark, dispel by lightning's bright spark
Whatever clouds dim our vision.

Break the sun's rays into color, a rainbow around us.
Storm clouds, through real and near, are not enough to confound us.
Arched in the sky, beauty and promise are high,
Giving us hope to astound us.

Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken.
Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call,
Offering our lives as the token.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Officiant 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.**

Officiant The Lord 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.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Lector A reading from 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *said together by all*

Psalm 128, inclusive language

- 1 **Happy are they all who fear the Lord,
and who follow in the ways of God!**
- 2 **You shall eat the fruit of your labor;
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**
- 3 **Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.**
- 4 **The one who fears the Lord
shall thus indeed be blessed.**
- 5 **The Lord bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**
- 6 **May you live to see your children’s children;
may peace be upon Israel.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

Lector A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

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Officiant As God's people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from Form IV, BCP 388

Reader Let us pray for the church and the world.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We especially pray for those committed to protecting our communities, all who govern, first responders, and those who are caring for the sick throughout the current pandemic, including: *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Grob, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Ryan Tyler, Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader We pray for the families of Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all victims of racial injustice. As their lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for *Pat Ald, Barbara Baseley, Booker, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Marcus England, Vincent Faust, Emily Hill, Lauren Keils, Doris Landrum, Alisa LeDuc, Jane McFeely, Monique McGraw, Joe Miller, Jonathon Moon, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson, Warren Webb, Megan White*, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader We celebrate those who have birthdays this week, especially *Pat Ald, Joe Katulic, Bill Matthews, Darlene Jackson, Andrew Diehl, Diane Staif*, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

People Holy One, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for Harold Cherry, who died on Thursday, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant 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 SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

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Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Please give generously at christcd.org/online-giving
or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Bassoon Concerto: Le Phénix
First Movement, *Allegro*

Michael Corrette

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

Officiant In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

All **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)

Officiant Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

The Hidden Treasure (1973) is based on today's Gospel reading and is part of a collection called *JESUS MAFA*, which is a set of responses to lectionary readings from the New Testament by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Members of the community selected the readings and performed dramatic interpretations of them. Artists took photographs of the interpretations and transcribed them into paintings. *The Hidden Treasure* is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University. All music is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense account #A-725867.