

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.*
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn “Lord of all hopefulness” Hymnal 482

The Postcommunion Prayer [Kneel as able.] BCP 365-6

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn “Come, labor on” Hymnal 541

The Dismissal BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Voluntary

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

July 18, 4:00 p.m. & July 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Opening Voluntary

[standing]

Processional Hymn “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!” vs. 1-5 Hymnal 556

Opening Salutation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria in Excelsis [Sung at 10:30 a.m., Music in the pews.]

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

[seated]
The First Lesson Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 86:11-17 *Inclina, Domine* [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Mass only.]



11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
 and I will walk in your truth; *
 knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
 and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
 you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
 and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
 they have not set you before their eyes.

[Kneel as able]
Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord,...

...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you
and we bless you.

Memorial Acclamation



Celebrant continues.
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy....

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and
Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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

The Lord's Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]

*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: Agnus Dei [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew]

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
 have mercy on us.***

out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon [seated] (4:00 p.m.) Cn. Chas Marks
(10:30 a.m.) Fr. Benjamin George-Thoms

The Nicene Creed [Stand as able] . Prayer Book
358 **The Prayers of the People** (Form VI) [Kneel as able.] Prayer Book
392 The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution Prayer Book 360
The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory
Offertory Voluntary:
Hymn: “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” Hymnal 376

The Great Thanksgiving
The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer D) Prayer Book 372

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 him thanks and praise.

[Kneel as able.]
Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Epistle Romans 8:12–25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn “Lead on, O King eternal” Hymnal 555

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew** 13:24-30, 36-43

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect