



# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper II

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism

July 18, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 299.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

## THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

*Azmon*

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**  
*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON [*The people are seated.*]

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
 you have anointed my head with oil,  
 and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 529** “In Christ there is no East or West”

*McKee*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Jackie Thomson

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

EMMA GRACE ARNOLD

*Presider*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present Emma Grace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Presider*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*Presider*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Presider asks the following questions*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with her who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

#### **THE BAPTISM**

*The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Emma Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Emma Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** [*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.*]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. As the offering is brought forward to the altar, all stand.*

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "Loving Shepherd of thy sheep"

Philip Ledger

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
Nothing can thy power withstand,  
None can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
Suffer not my steps to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.

I would bless thee every day,  
Gladly all thy will obey,  
Like thy blessed ones above,  
Happy in thy precious love.

Where thou ledest I would go,  
Walking in thy steps below,  
Till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [*The people stand.*]

*Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL, S 129

Robert Powell

*Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Presider* And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*People* **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*People* **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People* **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, HYMNAL, S I 54**

David Hurd

*Sung by all.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**INVITATION** [*The People are seated.*]

*As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Comforter. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.*

*Those who choose not to receive communion are invited to use the following prayer.*

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.**

**AT THE DISTRIBUTION, HYMN 693** "Just as I am, without one plea"

Woodworth

*Sung by all.*

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** [*Said by all.*]

**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**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 708** "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

*Sicilian Mariners*

*Sung by all, standing.*

**DISMISSAL** [*The people respond,*]

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** Flourish on *McKee* (Hymn 529)

V. Earle Copes