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# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

## Morning Prayer: Rite Two

**Prelude** *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach

*Please stand*

**Hymn #377** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Old 100th

**Opening sentence** p. 78

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling:*

**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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Please stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips. p. 80

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Antiphon* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

**The Jubilate** *(all recite in unison)*

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**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Please sit*

**Psalm 89:20-37** *(responsively by verse)*

<sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

<sup>21</sup> **My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.**

<sup>22</sup> No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

<sup>23</sup> **I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.**

<sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

**25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.**

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

**27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.**

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

**29 I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven."**

30 "If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;

**31 If they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;**

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;

**33 But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

**35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
'I will not lie to David.**

36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;

**37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.' "**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**S280 Canticle 20: Glory To God**

Powell

**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.**

*Please sit*

**The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

**Hymn #645**

***The King of Love***

St. Columba

*Please sit*

**The Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

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.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

*Please stand*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

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*Officiant and People together*

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

*Please sit*

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*



V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The 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.**

### *A Collect for Sundays*

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Prayer for Mission*

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### *For the Human Family*

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O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in

bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Diocese

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O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop Rob, and other clergy, and all our people. This week in our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. John's, Wilmington and St. Joseph's, Fayetteville. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Sick

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Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants **Jeanine Wilson, Al Coward, Randy Tyler, Joan Leggett, Kay Barnacascel, Becky Godwin, John Tolbert, Coley McCally, Karen Gudiksen, Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Libby Smith, Lena Evans, Charles Taylor Spruill, Larry Watson, Julia Credle, Joey Ezelle, Racheal Coward, Peggy Parker, Sylvia Dawson, Elsie Benson, Riley Raines, Andy Walker, Will Copeland, Mary Gillam, Rita Hoggard, Stan Johnson, Mary Chappell, Beth Bryant, Susan Mizelle, Baron Chamblee, Fletcher Pierce, Emma Cobb, and others known to us;** give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Those Who Mourn

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Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, especially the family of Finn Dunn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

**The General Thanksgiving**

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*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

***Please stand***

**Hymn #537**

***Christ for the World We Sing!***

Moscow

**Postlude**

***Bourree***

**J. S. Bach**

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Officiant:** The Rev. Bonnie Smith

**Organist:** Tom Parker

**Lector:** Jane Hall

**Altar Guild:** Marti Tyler, Agnes Powell, Alice Pittman, Rosanna Rhea

**Hostesses:** Nancy G. Spruill, Janet Capehart, Jane Hall, Briley Rascoe

**Offering:** Bob Capehart, Jane Hall

**Ushers:** Bob Capehart, Jim Davis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crayons, coloring pages, and children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

Vidant Chowan Hospital and Vidant Women's Care, Edenton are offering free clinical breast exams on August 13th for those 18 and over who do not have Medicaid, Medicare Part D, or private insurance. To schedule an appointment for this event, please call 482-6242.

After the service, please take your printed bulletin with you or drop it into a designated recycling bin. Please do your visiting outside. For proper ventilation, the small fans will stay on. We will continue to live stream via Facebook Live for those who are unable to join us inside.

Some pews are still reserved for social distancing. Please be respectful of those who need to continue with masks and physical distancing.

From current diocesan worship guidelines:

- **All may wear a face mask.** Those gathering for public worship should feel welcome to wear a face mask if they prefer to do so.
- **Some should wear a face mask.** The CDC recommends that those who have not yet been vaccinated should wear a face mask when they are in close quarters with others. This would apply to children who are too young to be vaccinated, those who cannot be vaccinated, and those who have not chosen to be vaccinated.
- **None must wear a face mask.**

All involved in ministries with children, and in particular with children who are too young to be vaccinated, should continue to wear a mask and practice physical distancing.