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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 12

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Morning Prayer

Officiant

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

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 our 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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

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.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

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.

Psalm 119:129-136

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.**

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.**

A Reading from 1 Kings (3:5-12)

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.**

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me;* I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,* and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing* from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,* Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;* see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,* for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy

One of Israel.

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.**

A Reading from Romans (8:26-39)

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**

Canticle 18 – A Song to the Lamb

Splendor and honor and kingly power* are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is,* and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,* for

with your blood you have redeemed for God,
**From every family, language, people, and
nation,* a kingdom of priests to serve our
God.**

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,* and to
Christ the Lamb,
**Be worship and praise, dominion and
splendor* for ever and for evermore.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52)

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Elizabeth Holland
Silence for reflection

The Apostles' Creed
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.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

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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. **Amen.**

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.**

Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Dioceses of Northern Uganda - (Uganda), Bauchi - (Nigeria), Kansas - (The Episcopal Church), Northern Zambia - (Central Africa), Belize - (West Indies), Kanyakumari - (South India), Northwest Ankole - (Uganda), Bendigo - (Australia), Northwest Texas - (The Episcopal Church), Benin - (Nigeria), Bermuda - (Bermuda), Northwestern Pennsylvania - (The Episcopal Church), Bethlehem - (The Episcopal Church), Norwich - (England), Bhopal - (North India), and Kapoeta - (South Sudan); our diocese, especially for Earth Ministry; Underhill House, Seattle; and The Center for Spiritual Development; and for our parish, especially our Marion Berry Pie Buddy Group: Adina Reynolds; Elsie & Jim Dennis-Dofelmier; Mandy Maeland, Alyssa and Jeremiah Lorennij; Pamela Reed; Justin, Abby, Andy, and Jesse Smith; Diane Beelendorf.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

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 pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

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 pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, David, Jenny, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Justin, Sherrie, Saray, Julianne, Jerry, Kathy, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill & Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Debbie, Kathryn, Deb, Chrystal, Gary, Mike, Judy, Elizabeth, Kori, Tom & Becky, Linda & Terry, The Frampton Family and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Nicole Grothe, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung

Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3 *Doxology*

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.

The General Thanksgiving

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.

The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain
with you always. *Amen.*

St. Matthew Mission Statement

**To be a church that passionately embraces and
values all people, growing in the love of Christ
through word and action.**

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**