



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LITURGY OF THE WORD

July 26, 2020

WELCOME

At this time of restrictions due to the COVID-19 virus the church is open, but the building is closed. Please visit us online for more information about Holy Cross and to see a listing of our online worship offerings. If you have a pastoral emergency, please email The Rev. Jamie Samilio at: Jamie.Samilio@HolyCrossEpiscopal.org

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv-ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Gloria

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

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.**

Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Lesson

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.**

Hymn 302

Father, we thank thee

Rendez a Dieu

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im-mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

 d. a. d. d. d. d.
 Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un-to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

 didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

 Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People **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.

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

THE SERMON

Kevin Laskowski
Minister for Youth and Families

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those in need of healing and support, especially Debbie, Laura, Art, Sylvie, Bill, Dan, Eva, Maureen, Loran, Barbara, and our neighboring residents of Iliff Nursing Home. Are there others?

Please take a moment to pray for your own concerns.

We pray those serving at home and abroad, especially Gavin, Katherine, Andrew, Cameron, Adam, Anthony, Charles, Alfredo, Evan, Patrick, Clair, Nathan, Elyse, Markenson, Nicolas, Leonard, Carolyn, Zachary, Leslie, and Bryce. Are there others?

Please take a moment to pray for your own concerns.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now.

Ever-creating God, be with us as the pall of this COVID-19 pandemic falls upon this “fragile earth” which is our “island home.” We hold in our hearts and prayers all who are suffering in our nation from “sea to shining sea.” We pray for the whole world. Our common anxiety is making us one, undivided human family. We pray for world leaders as they chart these unknown waters. Strengthen them to walk into the Light of a new, healing day for the whole planet. Help us to cross our broken lands and be for each other bridges back to heaven. Lift the cares to which we cling. Descend, O God, on us all to be our Guest. Show us how to find in everything blessing and rest. May this be our

prayer while we do not know how to pray and until the last light lingers in the west. In the name of our creating, redeeming and sustaining God. **Amen.**

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for our ability to stay connected during this time, and we give thanks for the scientists who are working to find a vaccine, and better treatments for the COVID-19 virus. Let us hold fast to the hope that we will soon be able to be with one another without being physically distanced.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Leader and people pray together:

O God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs even before we ask, may your loving presence guide us in this time of transition. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more a place of broad welcome and service. Inspire our conversations, deepen our prayers, and unite us in your purpose for this community. All this we ask through Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are to receive God’s love freely given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Anthem

Prelude in D

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and swifter still to forgive. May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

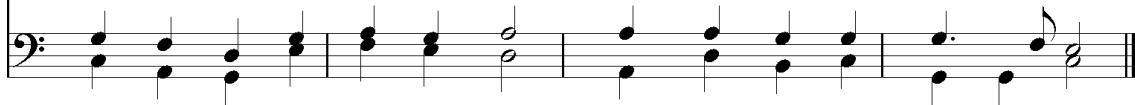
Gott sei Dank



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Be silent, Be Still, and know that God is with us.



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GET CONNECTED

In-Person Services Begin August 2

We will hold Sunday morning worship in the outdoor chapel beginning August 2. The in-person service will begin at 9:00 a.m. and virtual worship will move to 8:00 a.m.

In keeping with Diocese and government guidelines, we will take necessary precautions to ensure safe and meaningful worship, including a requirement for all to wear masks and keep social distance. We ask that [everyone who plans to attend RSVP](#) so we can prepare for all who will join us. To find out what to expect, please visit holycrossepiscopal.org/outdoor-worship.

Adult Forum: Summer Story Series

From Independence Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Megan Hoskins is offering a short story series at the Adult Forum. This year the series is *Cursed?: Short Stories suggested by the 10 Plagues of Egypt*. Read each story prior to its assigned Sunday. Links to the stories can be found on our website under *Learning/Adult Formation*.

7/26 Flies: *No Win Phuong* by Alden R. Carter

8/2 Livestock Diseased: *The Little Black* by John Connell

8/9 Boils: *The Sacrificial Egg* by Chinua Achebe

8/16 Thunder and Hail and Fire: *Leiningen Versus the Ants* by Carl Stephenson

8/23 Locusts: *A Mild Attack of Locusts* by Doris Lessing

8/30 Darkness: *The Country of the Blind* by H. G. Wells

9/6 Death of the Firstborn: *Plague of the First Born* by Etgar Keret

Bonus Stories: *The Way We Live Now* by Susan Sontag & *The Giving Plague* by David Brin

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Clergy Transition Update

As we are quickly approaching the time for Jamie to leave Holy Cross for her next call, the vestry has been considering the “in between” time before we call our Priest in Charge. Our Discernment Committee has been making good progress toward identifying a candidate to present to the vestry, but we know that the process will not be complete before Jamie leaves.

Kevin Laskowski, our Minister for Youth and Families, has agreed to expand his duties to coordinate worship services in addition to current ministry, preaching, support for formation, and pastoral care. This all aligns well with Kevin’s own call to ordained ministry.

Kevin will stay with us through the end of November to overlap with the new clergy as they get to know us and begin to lead Holy Cross. The Very Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith, Dean of our region, has offered to provide support for Holy Cross where needed and to also be available for any pastoral emergencies.

Kevin has already begun work with Jamie and others on a worship plan for the vestry that will guide our transitional prayer life in keeping with our diocesan and vestry guidelines for safety in the pandemic. If you have ideas or questions, you can email Kevin at kevin.laskowski@holycrossepiscopal.org.

Remember in your prayers this week—

For those in need of healing and support: We lift up Debbie Quam, friend of the Associate Rector; Laura Straub, mother of John Straub; Art Sibold, brother of Ann Sibold; Sylvie, friend of Douglas Cheeseman; Bill Rothamel, friend of Wendy Hoskins; Dan Smith, friend of Rex Hayes; Eva Kohl, friend of Kathy Alsegaf; Maureen McDonnell-Weschler; Loran Minter, friend of Cheryl Elder; Barbara Ziegler, friend of Nancy Colfax.

Names remain on the healing list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

For those in the Armed Forces and others who are serving at home and abroad: Gavin Harpster, nephew of Becky Stahl; Katherine Green, friend of Sherri Arnaiz; Andrew Lentz; Cameron Addleton, friend of Richard and Sadia Adams; Adam Santley, grandson of Jennifer Santley; Anthony Foyle, nephew of Eileen Foyle; Charles Matthews, friend of Eileen Foyle; Alfredo Piedrahita, friend of Brianna Elder; Evan Brown, nephew of Lane Abernathy and Doug Gehley; Patrick Ivas, friend of Nancy Colfax; Clair Gill, friend of the Fiores; Nathan Potter, friend of McKey Weschler; Elyse Fiore Pierre; Markenson Pierre; Nicolas Fiore; Carolyn Fiore; Leonard (McKey) Weschler; Zachary March, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins; Leslie Tsou, daughter of Carol and Ed Tsou; Bryce, nephew of Rebecca Stahl.

To request prayer for yourself or someone else please contact the parish office at office@holycrossepiscopal.org or 703-698-6991.



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