



## **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **Sunday, July 18 | 10 a.m.**

*Welcome to St. John's this morning, either in person or online. There are two services: 8:00 a.m. for in-person and 10:00 a.m. for in-person or YouTube. With masks on, we may sing together. Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

#### **THE GATHERING**

**Prelude: You Are My All and All (guitar)**

**Jernigan**

*All rise at the sound of the bell.*

**Opening Hymn: Christ for the World We Sing**

**Blue Hymnal 537**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

**Trisagion**

**Hymnal S-102**

**The Collect of the Day**

**BCP p. 357**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*You may be seated*

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

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 89:20-37**

**BCP p. 715**

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

**21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.**

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

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

24 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 forever. Amen.**

## The Epistle: 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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

**Blue Hymnal 653**

## The Holy Gospel, *standing*

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

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Molly James**

## The Nicene Creed, *standing*

**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.

**Prayers of the People, *standing***

<i>Intercessor</i>	We offer common prayers for ourselves and for people everywhere. God, call us to love each other through prayer and daily acts.
<i>People</i>	We pray for the welfare of all people, <b>that we will “go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	We thank you for life’s blessings: for each other, for daily purpose in living, for food, and resources.
<i>People</i>	<b>Help us not forget those who need any of these things.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	We pray for Christians throughout the world,
<i>People</i>	<b>that they may witness, at work and play, the love of Jesus Christ.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, and church leaders,
<i>People</i>	<b>for the Diocese of Connecticut and Bishop Ian Douglas in this time of transition.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	We pray for all public leaders, that they may serve thoughtfully.
<i>People</i>	<b>Guide our president, Congress, elected officials, and the courts.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Give us strength in extreme storms, environmental threats, and climate change.
<i>People</i>	<b>Help us care for our fragile planet and its “living creatures of every kind.”</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Life-giving spirit, help us dismantle racial barriers and notice the pain of the suffering, forgotten, and mistreated. Guide us as we plant seeds of transformation in ourselves, as Jesus called us to do.
<i>People</i>	<b>Help us love our neighbors, each and every one of them.</b>

*Intercessor* God, help us continue recovering from the physical and mental harm of COVID-19.  
*People* **Heal us. Especially watch over young people as they rebuild their communities.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the departed, and those we now name silently or aloud. [Pause for the people to add names of the departed.]

*Intercessor* We pray for the safety of those from our parish who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Douglas Hamilton, Carl Heise, Molly and Jon Hilzinger, Andy Morgado, Andrew Roemhild, Spencer Russo, Tullie St. John, and Brian Tewart.

*Intercessor* We pray for our own needs and those of others, especially: Kathy Arthur, Peter Bierrie, Ginny Buracchi, Ed Burke, Helen Chatman, Connie Cliffe, Sandra and Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Pam DuPont, Betsy Godsman, Nancy Gould, Richard Lammlin, Hannah Roemhild, Raymond and Pam Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Leona Savoie, John Schumacher, Dan Taylor-Stypa, Ginny Willetts, Amy Zdon and all on our Home Prayer list, and those we now name either silently or aloud.

*Intercessor* In this month's cycle of thanks, we pray for the work of our global ministry partner Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti

*People* **That it may have the resources and support to serve its people**

*Presider* Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution, kneeling**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace, all standing**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you!

*People* **And also with you!**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, while remaining socially distanced and in their pews.*

**Welcome and Announcements, you may be seated**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received.*

*Please be seated.*

### Offertory Anthem: The Spirit Song

**Wimber**

### Presentation, standing

*The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table.*

### The Great Thanksgiving: *Enriching Our Worship: Prayer Two, standing*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

### Sanctus

**Worship & Rejoice (WR) 738**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for

the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S-155**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

*For a blessing, place your hand across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask an usher or someone nearby to request that Communion be brought to you.*

### **Communion Hymn: Just As I Am**

**Tune: Woodworth by Bradbury  
Words: Charlotte Elliot**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing, *standing*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## Hymn: Praise My Soul

Blue Hymnal 410

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

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### HOME PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all who have asked for our prayers: Fred Andrew, Kathy Arthur, Peter Bierrie, Catherine and Nancy Bourassa, Virginia Buracchi, Ed Burke, Matheus Burke, Fena Calder and family, Helen Chatman, Connie Cliffe, Marion Cloonan, Sally Cody, Clio Coles, Maureen Cole, Tony and Sandra Custodio, Jill and Harlon Dalton, Laurie Daniels, Roger Deakin, Pam DuPont, Terri and Tony Easter, Annie Eddy, Bill Eubelhoeer, Eliot Field, Jill Furlan, Inez Gagliardi, Betsy Godsman, Nancy Gould, Anne Ide, Adele and Terry Jackson, Joan Jacobsen, Katrina Kujan, Sean Kunzli, Deborah Knight, Richard Lammlin, Elizabeth Lovell, Susan McCann, Patrick Myslik, Joan and Bill McCann, Bonnie Mileski, Paul Mileski, Donald Power, Calvin Richardson, Hannah Roemhild, Ray and Pam Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Leona Savoie, Margaret Sbriglio, John Schumacher, Dan Taylor-Stypa, Peter Taylor, Ken Way, Sean and Jessica Wheeldon, Ginny Willetts, Amy Zdon.

**Special Notice:** The home prayer list has grown, and it's time for a review. In the last week of July, we will be making adjustments for Sunday, August 1. If you have a loved one currently on the list and would like them to stay on, please reach out to Chelsea DiDonato no later than Wednesday, July 28.

### Serving Today

<i>Soprano</i>	Richard Pittsinger
<i>Soprano</i>	Gerri Smith
<i>Guitar</i>	Paul Loether
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	Karen van der Horst
<i>Lector</i>	Karen van der Horst
<i>Lector</i>	Maggie Walden
<i>Intercessor</i>	Andrea Bednarz
<i>Crucifer</i>	Andrea Bednarz
<i>Videographer</i>	Rob van der Horst
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Peggy Tuttle and Susan Guernsey
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith
<i>Preacher &amp; Presider</i>	The Rev. Molly James

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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