

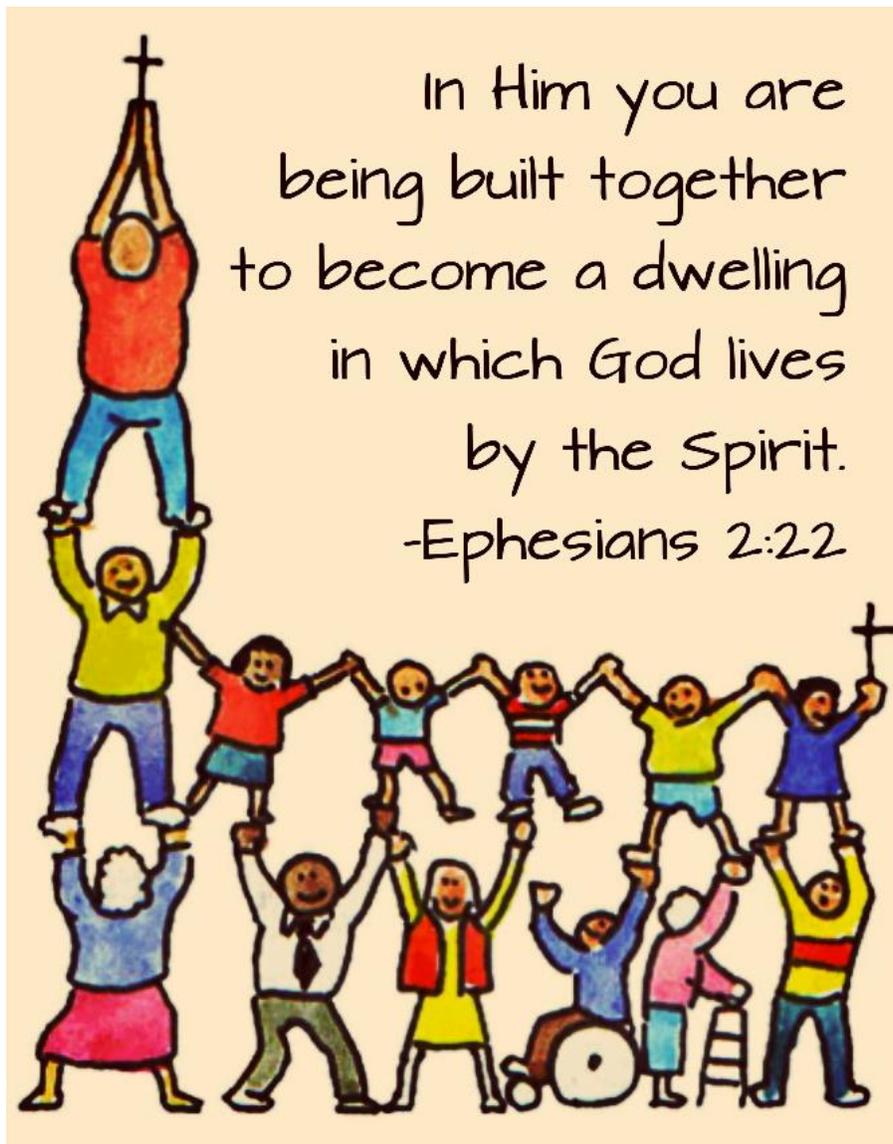


The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost [Proper 11B]

July 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One



Prelude

Opening Acclamation

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

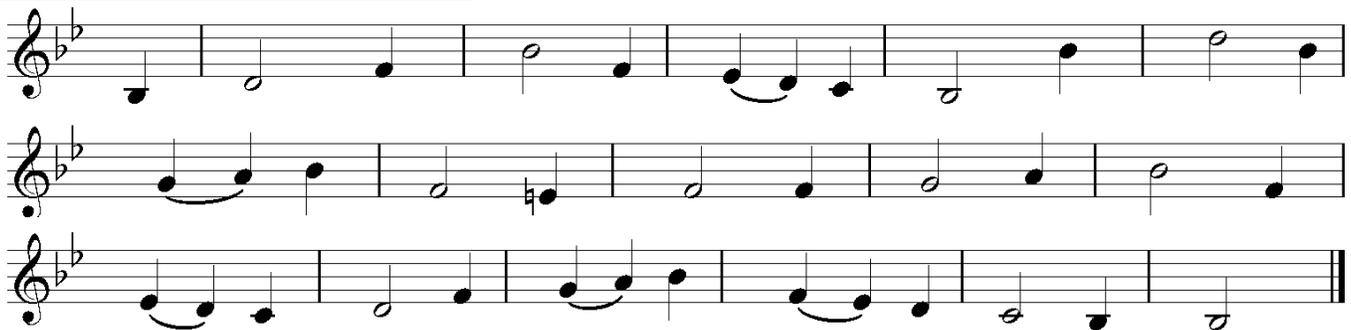
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Processional Hymn of Praise *The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 774, [Tune: Deus tuorum militum]*



**1 From miles around the sick ones came,
In hope that One they heard was Lord
would make their souls & bodies well,
with healing touch or saving word.**

**2 And still they come, new preys of plague,
while often in their rooms of prayer
God's people worship, safe & sound,
unheeding, even unaware.**

**3 Recall us to our mission, Lord,
to reach for those cut off, in pain;
to offer friendship, strength, and peace
and be a faithful church again.**

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,
who knowest our necessities before we ask
and our ignorance in asking:
Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities,
and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not,
and for our blindness we cannot ask,
mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

The congregation sits.

First Lesson: II Samuel 7:1-14a

A Reading from the Second Book of the Prophet Samuel.

Now 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remaining seated, all say together [in unison] the

Gradual: Psalm 89:20-37

Inveni David, servum meum

- 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.’”

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

A Reading from Paul's Letter 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God**

All remain standing for the reading of the

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

All sit to hear

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Knight

All stand to say

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.**

All remain standing for the

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Comfort us, gracious God, in our anxiety and worry, and grant us such rest and renewal that we may be strengthened to share in Thy reconciling and healing work bringing peace to the world, as we pray: Thou art our God, our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Thou art our God,

***People:* our savior and the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Infinite and Loving God, Thy Church has been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus as the cornerstone: Break down the dividing walls within Thy Body and be our peace, that we may act no longer as strangers and aliens but as citizens with the saints and all the members of the household of God.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; for Michael, our guest Celebrant; for all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We give thanks for the parish mission and goals we have discerned and ask that they may guide our congregation as we more fully carry out God's call to service and build up our life together as Resurrection parish.

Thou art our God,

People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Give us rest from all our enemies and guide our leaders to be instruments of peace to those who are far off and to those who are near.

We pray for the leaders of the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President, along with members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Tom, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

Thou art our God,

People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Bring Thy reconciling love and infinite peace to all who suffer from any trouble or injustice throughout the world, that they may be touched by Thy healing presence.

Thou art our God,

People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let Thy faithfulness and love be with us and with all our neighbors, that no one shall be a stranger or alien, but everyone may live together in Thy new humanity.

Thou art our God,

People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Touch with Thy healing grace all who are sick, anxious, or fearful, as we pray especially for Dawn Viscusi, Charlie Simpson, Pat Rappold, and Donna Hancock; those in the country of Haiti as disorder erupts following the assassination of that country's President; those grieving over those missing or killed by the building collapse near Miami; those over 33 million of our fellow Americans who are infected with the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; for those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; those mentioned in our parish's prayer list, and those we name before Thee now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Thou art our God,

People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Thou keepest Thy love for us forever, and so we offer our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Jude Winters, as she celebrates her birthday this week; for Bridget Thomas, James Idun, and Jean Cavanaugh, as we commemorate their baptisms; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from the COVID virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; for the hope and help given by vaccines to ease the COVID pandemic; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission Thou hast given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and for those blessings we remember before Thee now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Thou art our God,
People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Thou hast promised that Thou shalt not take Thy love from Thy people; let those who have died rest in Thy love and be given an eternal name, especially Bob Spencer and Jon Thompson; those killed in the building collapse near Miami; those over 600,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; those killed in mass shootings in our country during the last month; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers, and those whom we remember before Thee now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Thou art our God,
People: our savior and the rock of our salvation.

Celebrant: Thou art our peace, O God: Give us renewing rest that we may rise daily to share in Thy healing and reconciling work, through Jesus Christ our Ruler and Shepherd, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All kneel as they are able or sit for the

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

All: Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with an appropriate sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Hymn of the Month

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 597

All stand to sing the following hymn.

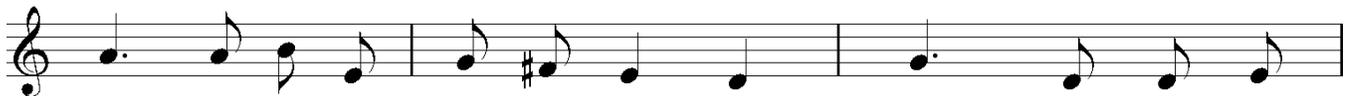
Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord.

As the gifts of money, bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all say the following

Doxology

**All things come of Thee, O Lord;
and of Thine Own have we given Thee.**

At the conclusion of the Doxology, all remain standing; the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer I

The Book of Common Prayer, Page 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,

the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, page 336

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

**All 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

The Celebrant raises the elements and says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.”

[The Book of Common Prayer, p. 457]

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory,
world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: You have come away to this holy place to rest a while in God's presence;
be healed and refreshed as you go forth.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Christ Jesus has broken down the dividing wall and hostility between people, creating one new humanity, making peace and reconciliation.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: We all have access in one Spirit as members of the household of God; therefore proclaim peace to those who are near and peace to those who are far off.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and comfort you, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

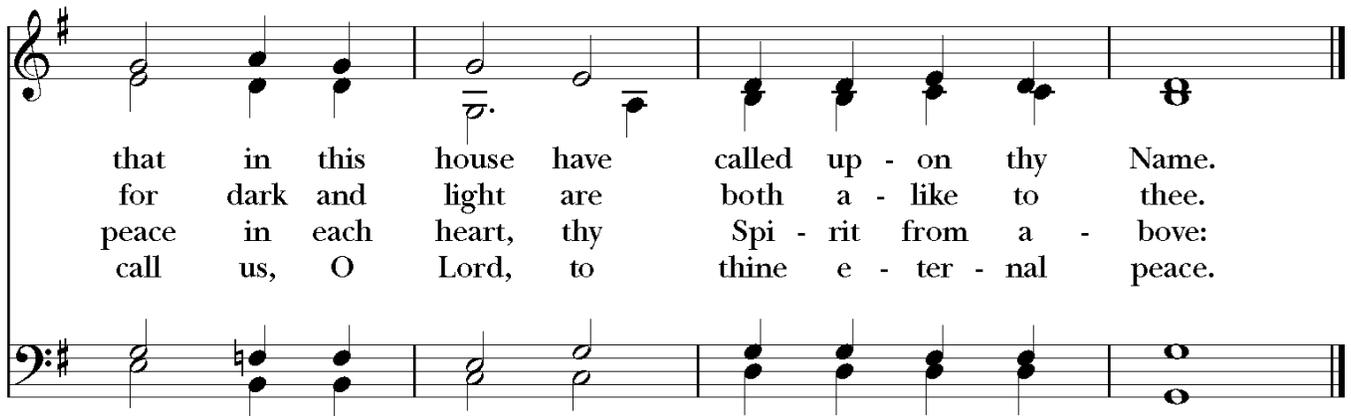
Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 345

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day:
peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Fr. Wand away this Sunday

Fr. Wand is away for a short vacation this Sunday. We welcome with thanks Fr. Michael Knight as our guest Celebrant.

July Worship to Use Rite One

During July, our Worship will use Rite One, the traditional language (i.e., Tudor English) option in *The Book of Common Prayer*. The responses by the congregation differ from those we have been using. Thou hast been forewarned. Prepare thou thyself and remain thou vigilant.

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Participants in Today's Liturgy

The Rev. Michael Knight
 Debbie Ney, Organist
 Linda Leiby, Lector
 Jan Myers Knight, Intercessor
 Linda Leiby, Coffee Hour

Participants in Next Sunday's Liturgy

Marsha Litwin, Lector
 Joan Riccardi, Intercessor
 Joan and Jim Geiger, Coffee Hour

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Your contributions are the main funding source for our parish.
 We thank you for your continued support!

WEEK 28	07/11/2021	ACTUAL	BUDGET 52 WEEKS
Pledge	\$2,985.00	\$63,326.00	\$65,692.31
Contribution	\$25.30	\$1,630.81	\$4,038.46
TOTAL	\$3,010.30	\$64,956.81	\$69,730.77

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Food Outreach Contributions Update:

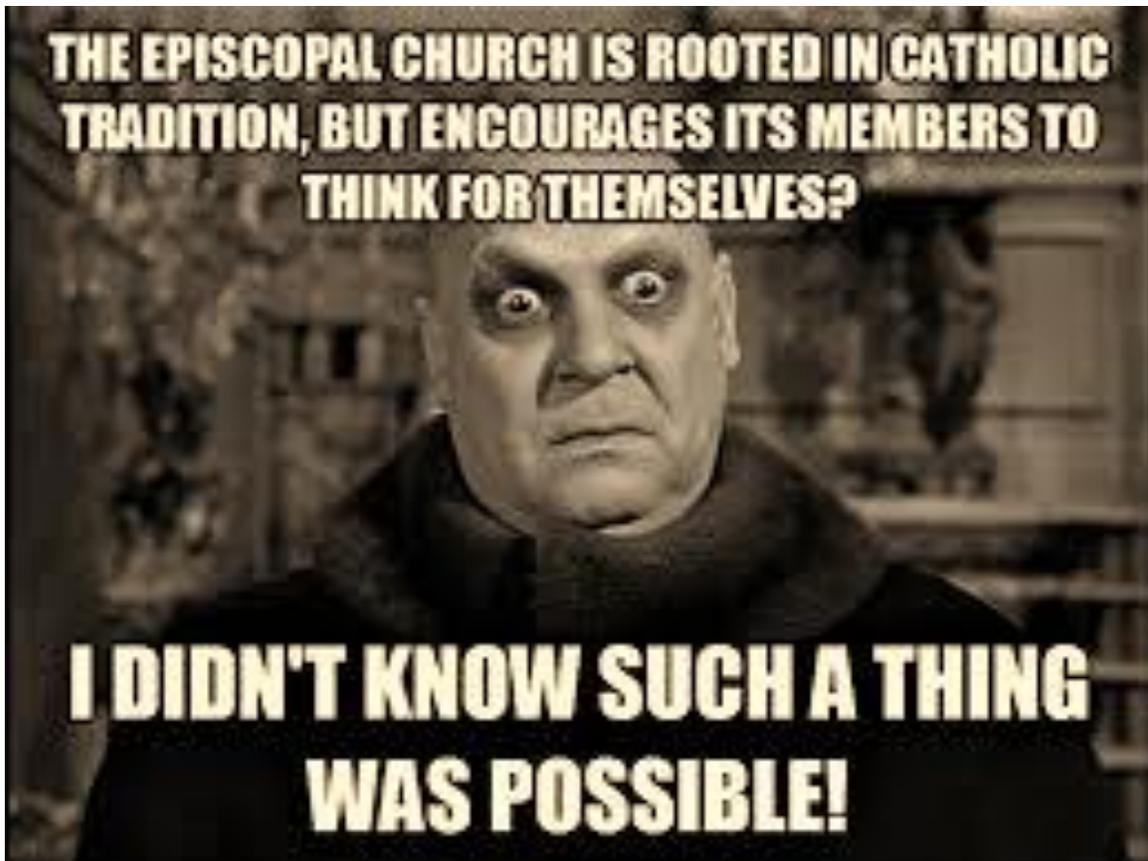
Through July 11th, our congregation has contributed \$17,130 to this ministry (above and beyond regular pledge contributions). Of this, \$16,000 has already been disbursed to assist those suffering from food insecurity. As always, thanks be to God for the generosity of these gifts, and may God help us persist as this need grows ever greater.

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WAWA HOAGIE SALE: Our Wawa Hoagie coupon fundraiser continues! We are selling coupons at \$3.50 each for a Wawa “shorti” hoagie, of which we keep a small profit from every sale. The coupons can be used at all Wawa’s and have no expiration date. If you are interested, please see Rosemary Bezuidenhout or contact the office.

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Resurrection Pre-School

9am till 12noon / 5-day classes for 4's / 3-day classes (M/W/F) for 3's
Reasonable rates—Financial Aid Available
Children need to be toilet-trained

Please call the office 610-459-2013
for more information and pricing

Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator

REMEMBER:

***IT'S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION OF OUR PARISH'S
PRESCHOOL THAT KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR
PARISH ALIVE AND DOING ITS GOOD WORK!***



The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.

Please remember in your prayers
those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially:



Dawn Viscusi, Charlie Simpson, Wendy Dargay, Billie Jean Adams, Roxie Koerner, Len Berkheimer, Donna Hancock, Stephen Perrera, Eric Brunner, and Jacob Blake; those over 33 million of our fellow Americans who are infected with the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; for those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; Wendy A, Austin, Melanie and Ryan Aber, Thomas Adams, Austin Beltrante, Kylie Benditt, Mary Benetti, Nancy Berkhiemer, Bill Boyd, Fr. Barry Boyle. Arthur Brunner, Merry Buffington, Carmella Cichetti, Carrie Collins, Will Currey, Bill and Lynn Davison, Bill and Mary Diamond, Irene Doniger, Annis Dunlap, Ryan Ennis, David Evans, Lorraine Fenza, Charlie Gaeto, Chris and Dana Geiger, Jimmy Geiger, Rebecca Grisaffe, Paul Hagy, Maggie Hancock, Susan Harbison and Family, Dawn Hess, Anthony Matarese, Patricia McCarthy, Sophie Mc Nerney; John Miller, Debbie Mzingo, Wayne Mzingo, Bob O'Boyle, The Osborn Family, Brian Page, George Rigby, George Rodgers, Phyllis Russell, Tom Ridge, John Ryan, The Schiller Family, Bill Scott, George Smith, Doug and Ruth Soule, Gale Spencer, Bernice Strohl, Glenda Tate, Dale Tibbetts, Paula Trudell, Candace Ward, Elaine Ward, Bruce Warren, Dale Weaver, Joan Weber, Kevin Widrig, Hazel Will, and Lora Lee Wright.

Those blessings for which we offer thanks, especially:

for Jude Winters, as she celebrates her birthday this week; for Bridget Thomas, James Idun, and Jean Cavanaugh, as we commemorate their baptisms; for the military, fire fighters, police and EMS workers; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; for the hope and help given by vaccines to ease the COVID pandemic; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for Bennett Michael, newly baptized, and his family: Brittany and Steffan; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves.

Those who have died, especially:

Bob Spencer, Jon Thompson, Joan Allen, Ed Hess, Sr., Carolyn Watson, Estherine Craig, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Heidi Osborn, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Gene Adamuski, Anthony Grisaffi, Matthew Aber, Cathy Pannabaker, Nik Rajagopal, Brian Sicknick, Walter Wallace, Jr., James Fennimore, Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Breonna Taylor, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; 600,000 of our fellow Americans who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; those killed in mass shootings in our country during the last month; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers.



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Racial Justice and Reconciliation in Our Country—How Do We Actively Help?

A Statement by the Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

Our Church, our Diocese, indeed all of us are committed by our Baptism into the Christian faith to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” [BCP, p. 305] This means that we must actively oppose and seek to dismantle systems, structures, and beliefs which promote and sustain the privileges of one group or race over another.

Based in the resurrection, our work is not to blame, not to single out individuals or groups to pronounce guilty or sinful [most notably, because we know everyone has sinned, including us]. Jesus calls us not to judge and condemn *others*, but to bring the righteousness of the Reign of God into visible reality. This righteousness comes from right relationships among all people, among all structures of our society, and among us as human beings relating to God and all Creation.

This will be, in our society (and for our parish community), long and hard work. This did not start recently; its repair will not be done soon. We have many broken and distorted relationships in our society and its structures [The Bible calls this “sin.”]. We cannot stand by and refuse the work to transform that because of its difficulty or pain to us. The Cross will not allow that. The time to start is now.

Our parish will be examining the work to which we are called and the ways we can move forward. Your help in the discernment and in the work is essential. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and support for you, for our parish, and for our country as we seek to:

“Let the whole world know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by [the One] through whom all things were made, ..Jesus Christ.” [BCP, p. 280]



(From top left:) Janet Russello, Jill Graham, Fr. Wand, Phyllis Russell, Barbara Krisack
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