

# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

## The Word of God

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

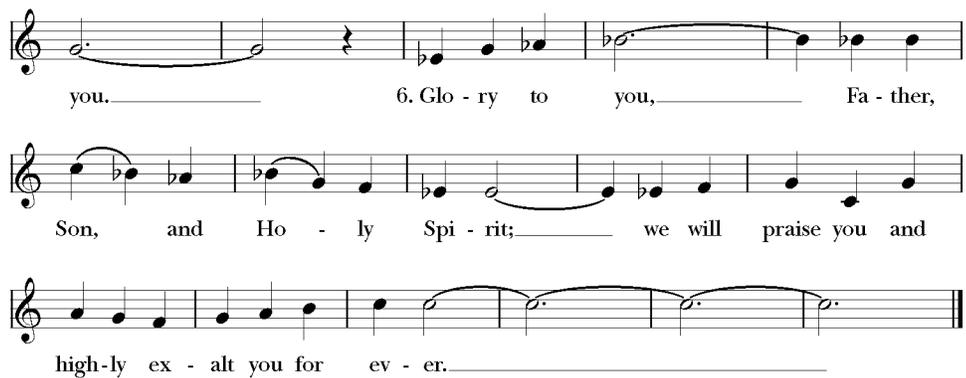
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

GLORY TO YOU *Benedictus es, Domine*

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



you, 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

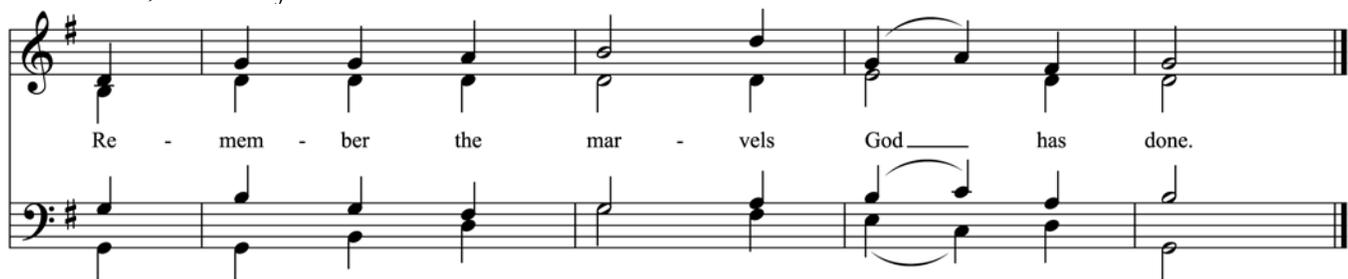
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON ~ Genesis 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino***



Re - mem - ber the mar - vels God has done.

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| 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *<br>make known his deeds among the peoples.       | 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *<br>continually seek his face.                       |
| 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *<br>and speak of all his marvelous works.                       | 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *<br>his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,          |
| 3 Glory in his holy Name; *<br>let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. [ <i>Refrain</i> ] | 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *<br>O children of Jacob his chosen. [ <i>Refrain</i> ] |

7 He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.  
8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made  
for a thousand generations: [*Refrain*]

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,  
10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,  
11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."  
Hallelujah! [*Refrain*]

**THE SECOND LESSON** ~ Romans 8:26-39

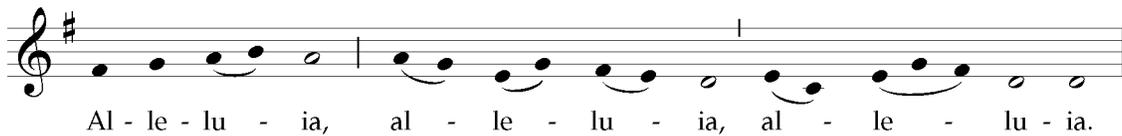
The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand and sing*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**



V. Give me understanding, O Lord,  
and I shall keep your law with all my heart. [*Alleluia*]

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** ~ Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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## THE SERMON

### 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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) \_\_\_\_\_; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_], Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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.

*The Celebrant says*

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

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

### SOLO

Let the bright Seraphim in burning row their loud uplifted angel-trumpets blow.  
Let the cherubic host, in tuneful choir, touch their immortal harps with golden wire.

Music: *from the Oratorio, Samson*: G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!  
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;  
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,  
4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,  
\*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;

1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.  
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.  
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!  
4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### SOLO

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto him, all ye that labor, come unto him, that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Text: Isaiah 40:11 and Matthew 11:28-29

Music: *From Messiah*; G.F. Handel

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*People Thanks be to God.*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Our thanks go to Mrs. Cleona Torres, today's soloist, and Mr. Vance Woolf, trumpeter.*

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Dear Beloved,

As we approach the end of July, and prepare to begin our Sixth Month of negotiating Pandemic life, I would love to be able to lay out a clear plan for the coming Fall season at Christ Church Cathedral. Alas, like every other institution and organization, we are only able to make plans for the very short term, and even those are subject to constant revision based on changing reality.

As of this time, Bishop Thompson has limited all “in-person” gatherings (in Orleans Parish only) to a maximum of 25 persons including clergy and musicians. Our 6:00 pm Sunday Mass has been averaging around 15 attendees, and our Monday through Friday 12:15 pm Masses have been averaging 5. As of now, we have room for more to attend and, if we begin to exceed the Bishop’s limits, we will create a pre-registration system.

Please know that we seek to make reasonable decisions regarding our common life and ministry, and communicate these as clearly as possible. During these days, I sometimes find it helpful to focus my prayers, and reflections on one thing that is not in flux: the life giving movement of the Holy Spirit in all times, circumstances and places. Our Sunday lectionary currently has us reading from the eighth Chapter of St. Paul’s letter to the Romans. This Sunday we will hear one of this letter’s most profound and beloved passages:

*...the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.*

At some future point, we will look back on these difficult days as a distant memory, but as we move through them, our faith in God’s constant and abiding presence is our greatest gift. Living through such a time as this may help us understand, and relate to, our forebears over many generations who faced trauma and uncertainty to the extent that they came to understand that humanity’s only real hope is, and always has been, in the Word made flesh: Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Faithfully,

David duPlantier+



Typical Summer Showers.  
A rainy, wet, Wednesday at the Cathedral.  
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“In-person” Week Day Masses are back! Monday – Friday at 12:15 pm in the Chapel. Like the recently begun Sunday Evening service, Week Day Masses follow our COVID Health Protocols for everyone’s safety. #cccnola #featured-photo #weekdaymass

## **Weekly Evening Prayer**

Each Wednesday at 5:30 PM, Evening Prayer is offered online via the *Zoom* Application. If you wish to participate, please email [stevenroberts@cccnola.org](mailto:stevenroberts@cccnola.org) for an invitation to join.

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**THE WEEK OF JULY 26 2020**

SUNDAY

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*(Broadcast and Webcast Only)*
- 6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)

MONDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

WEDNESDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Zoom Evening Prayer

THURSDAY

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