Holy Eucharist

July 14, 2024

Proper 10B, Pentecost 8

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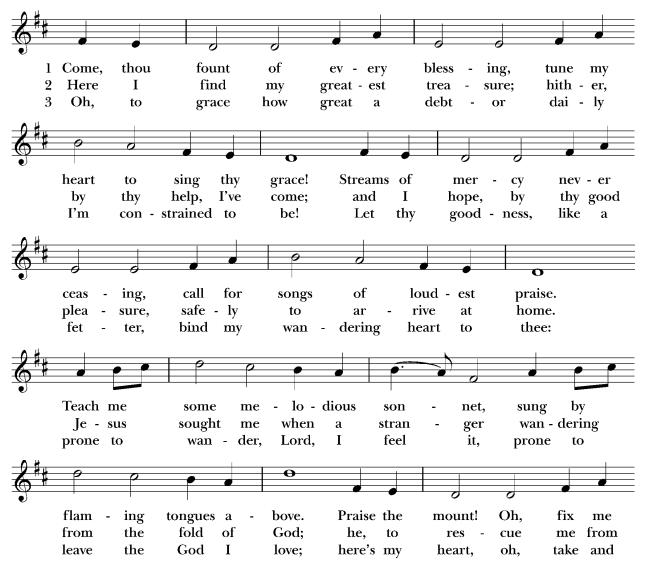
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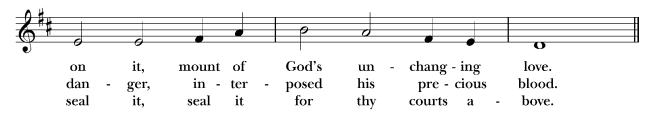
All stand as they are able

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing





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

The Presider begins the 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 God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Collect of the Day

Presider	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

First Reading

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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Remain seated
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Psalm 85:8-13

to be prayed in unison

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
¹³Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading

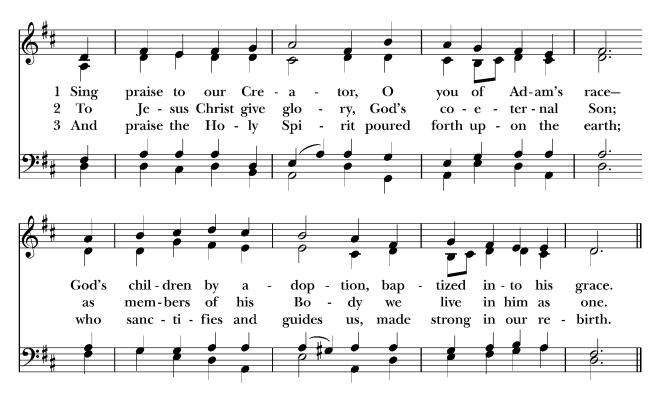
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn



Sing praise to our Creator

Hymnal 295

Mark 6:14-29

Holy Gospel

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [Jesus and his disciples,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist, on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,



²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rob Hampton

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, children of God, our blessed Creator has filled the world with beauty, and our lives with many people and many blessings. Grant that we can use the gifts you give us in generosity to our neighbors. Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.

Intercessor For your church, we pray that we may reflect your love, your power, and your will in their relationships with each other and the world. Kindle in us your vision for the world. Hear us, Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Silence is kept.

For those in authority around the world, we pray that they may serve their people well, that they will put the welfare of their people before their own needs or desires. Give us the grace to be good citizens and neighbors. Hear us, Lord, **for your mercy is great**.

Silence is kept.

We raise voices of thanksgiving for all of your grace toward us, and for our abundant blessings [especially for ______].

For those who are ill, anxious, or forgotten [especially_____]: for those who have asked for our prayers today, and for those who have no one else to pray for them, we pray: Hear us, Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

For those suffering the wrath of Hurricane Beryl, and those who love them, we pray "Eternal God, strong to save; your mighty hand stilled storm and wave. Keep close all those in peril's way, and those who fear destruction's day. From hurricane and ocean's rage, from tempest, flood, and wind, assuage; that with the dawn of morning's light, kept safe those loved through danger's night." Hear us, Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Silence is kept

For those who are being born into new life and for those who are passing into eternal life [especially_____]; we pray that your angels faithfully guard and guide them on their journey. Hear us, Lord, **for your mercy is great.**

Silence is kept

Presider Reassure our hearts, O God, with the comfort of your guiding presence, that we may know that you are with us, and we will fear no evil. Strengthen us to join in the Spirit's work of leading all people into your divine abundant love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins to God.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Silence may be kept.

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.

A Priest stands and says

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**.

All stand as they are able

Peace

PresiderThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due God's holy Name; bring offerings and come into the courts of the LORD. *Psalm 96:8*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

Orchestrating God, we rejoice to thank you, for in Christ you have made known to us the mystery of your will, according to your good pleasure.

You have shown us your plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in your Son, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ, you have bestowed upon us an inheritance that we, who set our hope on him, might live for the praise of your glory.

You have marked those who believe with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit as the pledge of your redemption. And so we anticipate that fullness and that glory by joining the angels in everlasting praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.

The Presider continues

Blessed be you, God our Father, for you chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before you in love.

You destined us for adoption as your children.

Send down your Spirit + on your people that, through the power of your Son's dying and rising, we might know forgiveness of our sins in the riches of your grace. As you bring us redemption through the blood of our Savior, + sanctify this bread and this cup, that in them we may meet you in the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues

Covenanting God, as your prophet, John the Baptist, faced the price of his courage and Herod's folly, give perseverance and hope to all who face danger because of their faith or their witness.

Raise up prophets among your people, who can see and name what does not belong with you, and can shine the light of your truth in the nighttime of fear and oppression, until the day when all sorrow is turned to dancing and all creation emanates the praise of your glory, three-in-one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **AMEN**.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us. Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all who desire have received, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider 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.

Blessing

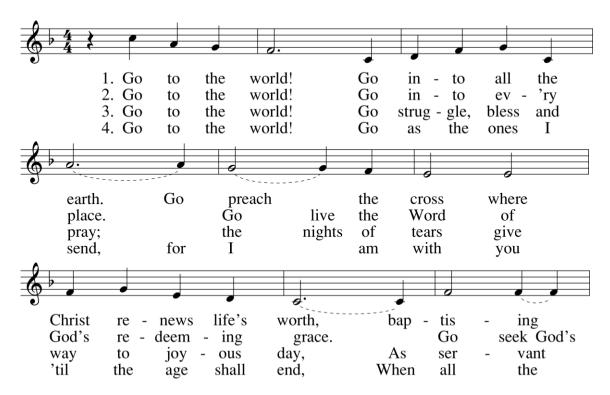
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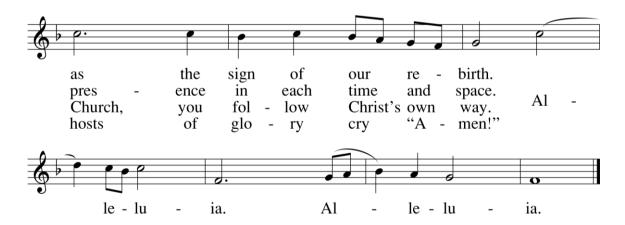
May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;

and the blessing of + God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Concluding Hymn

Go to the world





Dismissal

MinisterAnd now, my siblings in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas,
the Encourager. Go out with a good heart, full of peace and joy, to love and
serve our Lord Jesus.DescriptionThere here to Go description

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation
Anglican Cycle of Prayer:
July 14 The Church of Ireland
Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:
July 14 Church of the Messiah, Detroit; Nativity Church, Sal Salcedo, DR
St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Mary V, Michael V, Kathy W
and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food Drive** is **NEXT Sunday**, **July 21**. In the Spirit of Jesus, please contribute as generously as you can.

Upcoming Commemorations

- July 14 Samson Occom: Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792
 - 16 "The Righteous Gentiles"
 - 17 William White, Bishop, 1836
 - 18 Bartolomé de las Casas: Friar and Missionary to the Indies, 1566
 - 19 Macrina of Caesarea, Monastic and Teacher, 379
 - 20 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman, Prophetic Witnesses

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BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Amos, a herdsman, a dresser of sycamore trees, and, despite his protestations, a prophet, brings bad news from the Lord: Israel has been measured and tested with the plumb line and found wanting. You can

understand the difficult position the priest is put in; Amaziah is bound to support God and the king both, and he finds it easier to send Amos away than to heed his warnings and condemn the king.

Perhaps to a less serious degree, this is a situation in which we might regularly find ourselves. When our allegiances to any temporal group – country, party, family – run up against our allegiances to God, it is very, very easy indeed to avoid that problem, shunt off or ignore anyone ringing alarm bells, and hope that God either forgives or forgets. But in doing so, we know that we are damaging our souls.

• Where have you seen a similar dynamic at play?

Amos 7:7-15

• Where else in scripture have you seen normal, everyday people being called by God to a new role?

Psalm 85:8-13

This psalm's opening verses are different in tone, briefly laying out God's mercy toward his people in history and praying for the same deliverance from both worldly and Godly wrath. The psalmist commits to listening to God's (active) speech, dreaming of a world in which faithful people follow in God's wake as truth, righteousness, prosperity, mercy, peace, and truth characterize their lives. What a day this will be! The times heralded by Amos' provocative prophecy are over, and the people are handsomely rewarded for their faithfulness.

• Why do you think God cares about the righteousness of God's people?

Ephesians 1:3-14

Continuing the theme of a loving God, both just and merciful, Paul expounds on the characteristics of our Lord: he is as loving as a parent, gracious, redemptive, forgiving, generous, wise, glorious, and more. And not only that – this gracious, redemptive, forgiving, generous, wise, and glorious God has freely chosen us as children. How surprising – the very architect of the universe, entirely of his own volition, has called *you* by name, called *you* a beloved child, marked *you* with the Holy Spirit, made *you* an heir. When next you feel despondent or hopeless, remember, even briefly, that you have been called and marked by the God of love. While that won't solve everything, it *will* help keep things in perspective.

• What does it mean to you to be called a child of God?

• What responsibilities come when you're named one of God's heirs?

Mark 6:14-29

In relatively few verses, we get a masterclass in grotesque family dynamics. Herod, contrary to the law, weds his brother's wife, Herodias. John the Baptist calls him out on the scandal, causing Herod some anxiety and Herodias some anger. Herod throws John in prison to limit John's reach and assuage his wife. At a birthday party, Herod's step-daughter, Salome, dances for him and the guests so well, that he feels obliged to offer her anything she wants. In consultation with her still-aggrieved mother, the daughter asks for the head of John the Baptist on a platter, which he obliges in order to save face with his party guests. God save us from these... *unhealthy* dynamics!

Fast forward some time: Herod, still likely wracked by fear and guilt from this episode, hears of Jesus, a wandering healer. He assumes that John has been resurrected and his life and power are back under threat. This sets the stage for future interactions between Jesus and the terrified, guilt-wracked, haunted Herod.

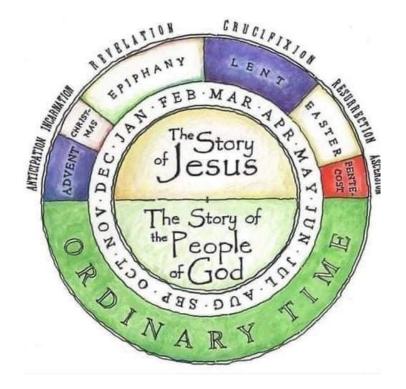
- Put yourself in the position of Herod. How do you feel when you hear about this Jesus working miracles among your people?
- When have you seen anger, wrath, and fear spin out of control?

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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