

# Morning Prayer

July 30, 2023

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## Proper 12A, Pentecost 8

### Prelude

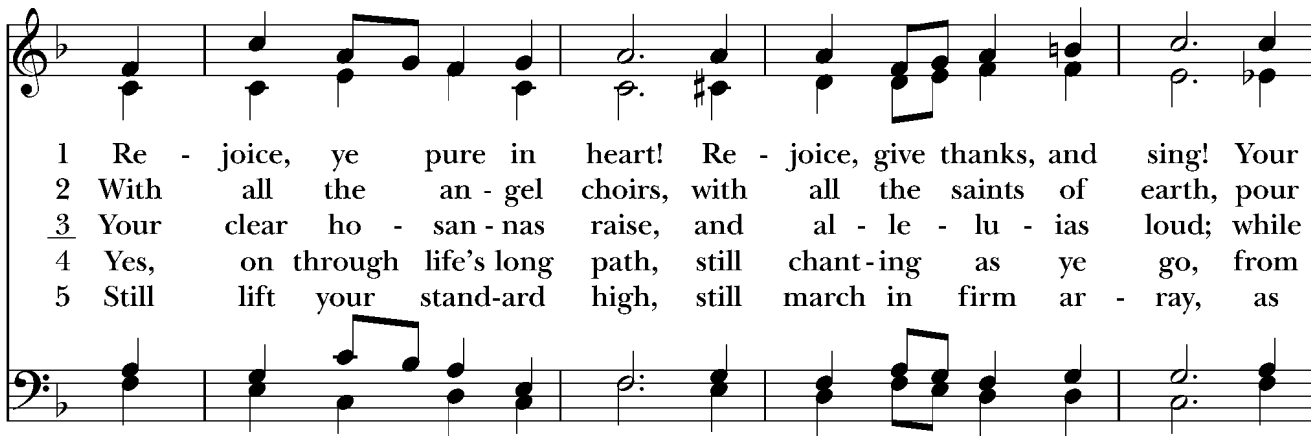
*Sonatina in E Major, Andante, Telemann*

*All stand as they are able.*

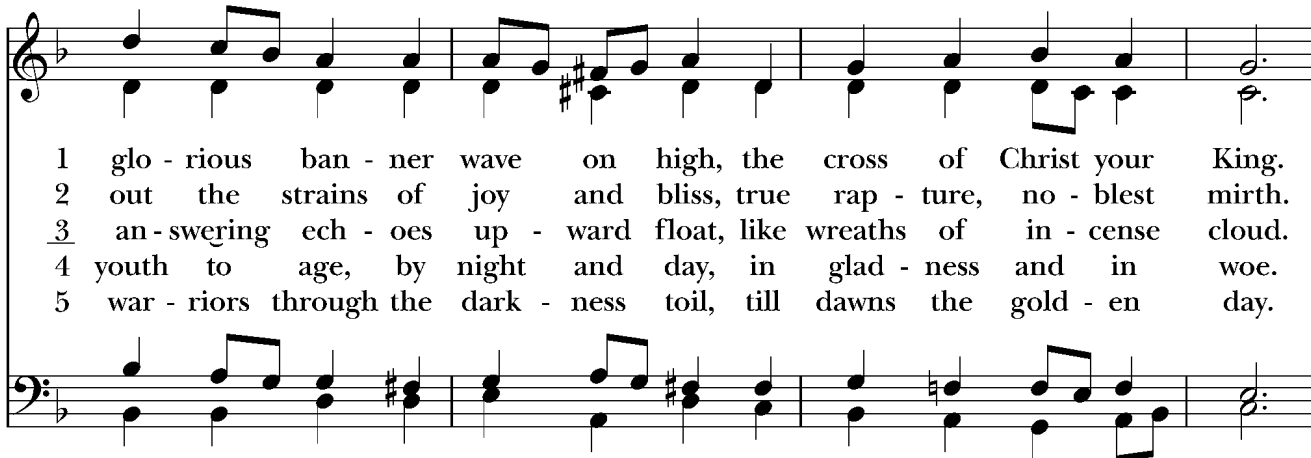
### Opening Hymn

**Hymnal 556**

*Rejoice ye pure in heart*



1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

re - joice, re - joice,

*Presider* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Presider says*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

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

*Silence is kept.*

*The Presider and the 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 Presider says*

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

*All stand as they are able*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Presider* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

*People* **O come let us worship.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

*People* **O come let us worship.**

## Invitatory Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God, \***

**Who has made us; we are God's.**

**We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to the Holy One, and call upon God's Name.

**For the Lord is good,**

**with mercy everlasting, \***

**and faithfulness enduring from age to age.**

## Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

*to be prayed responsively*

1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; \*  
we make known your deeds among the peoples.

2 **We sing to you; we sing your praise \***  
**and speak of all your marvelous works.**

3 We glory in your holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

4 **We search for you and your strength; \***  
**we continue to seek your face.**

5 We remember the marvels you have done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,

6 **We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, \***  
**we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.**

7 You are our God indeed; \*  
your judgments prevail in all the world.

8 **You have always been mindful of your covenant, \***  
**the promise you made for a thousand generations:**

9 The covenant you made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that you swore to Isaac,

10 **Which you established as a statute for Jacob, \***  
**an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

11 Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be their allotted inheritance."

**45<sup>b</sup>Hallelujah!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

*People* **O come let us worship.**

*The people are seated.*

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

Genesis 29:15-28

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” <sup>19</sup>Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

<sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup>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?” <sup>26</sup>Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people remain seated.*

## **Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \***  
**born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us,  
**To show mercy to our forebears, \***  
**and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
**Free to worship you without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous before you,**  
**all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
**To give God's people knowledge of salvation \***  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \***  
**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **Second Reading**

Romans 8:26-39

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

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>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? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*All stand as they are able.*

**Hymn**  
*Thy kingdom come*

**Hymnal 615**

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:  
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

*The people are then seated*

### Third Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

A Reading from Matthew.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus put another parable before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>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."



<sup>33</sup>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."



<sup>44</sup>"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.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.



<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>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.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

Bill Stech

*All stand as they are able.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*The Presider begins*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
**creator of heaven and earth;**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All kneel, or stand, as they are able.*

## **The Prayers**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider and the People*

**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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### *The Collect of the Day*

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.**

### *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Prayer for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**



## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Presider* Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, let us bring before the Lord the prayers that dwell in the heart of our community, responding, “Hear us, good Lord.”

*Intercessor* Spirit of Wisdom, guide our tongues, that we may speak of your marvelous works and rejoice in your bountiful gifts of forgiveness and new life; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

Righteous Governor, assist our leaders in discerning truth from deception, and good from evil, so that they may exercise their office with integrity, and be signs of hope to the people of our country and world; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

Source of strength, be with us in our weakness, and help those who live in the dark corners of hopelessness, so that your love may reveal a greater light and dispel the fears that visit every heart; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

Bearer of our sins, remove the dust that blinds us to our shortcomings, so that in admitting our wayward thoughts and actions we may turn toward your mercy and receive your forgiveness. We ask your healing grace for all who are sick or sorrowful [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

Creator of the universe, who brings us joy in the diversity of all that the eye can behold, make us ever grateful for the splendor of your making, and ever protective of its fruits; we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

Sun of Righteousness, bring the dead into the brilliance of your light, [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Make us thankful for the intercession of your saints; let us pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* For what other persons or situations shall we pray today?

O God, we believe in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Lead us as a shepherd, going ahead of us in all our ways; that we may be less

devoted to our order and more to your justice; to shun the negative peace which is the absence of tension, and to embrace a positive peace which is the presence of justice. Teach us to love one another, just as he has commanded us. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

*The Presider then says*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Let us present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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*The People stand as they are able when the offerings are presented at 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*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*The Presider and the People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: **Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

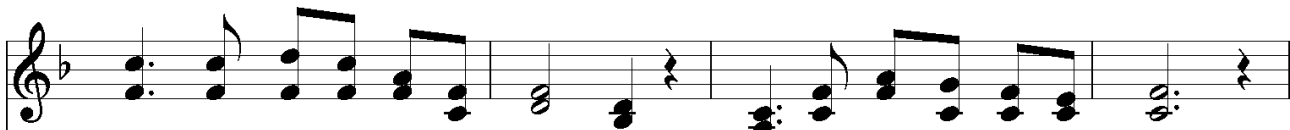
## **Closing Hymn**

## **LEVAS 109**

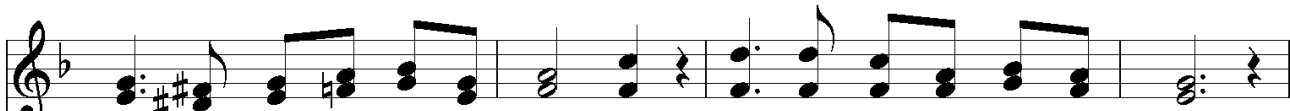
*What a friend we have in Jesus*



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



## Dismissal

*The Presider says*

As you leave this place, take courage and strength for the week ahead  
as you love and serve the Lord, our Redeemer.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with  
us all evermore. **Amen**

*Presider* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## Postlude

*Sonatina in E Major, Allegro, Telemann*

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**We welcome** violinist Liza Dale to our worship today, and thank her for her music!

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## This week in prayer

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

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)  
**and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

July 30 Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

### Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

July 30 St John's, Royal Oak; St Bartholomew, San Cristobal, DR

**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Jan S, Kevin, Jessica, Hanna, Bodie

**and our continuing prayers for:** Bob, Carlos, Jim M, Mardi, Robert, Selenah

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## Upcoming Commemorations

July 30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833

31 Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1556

Aug. 01 Joseph of Arimathea

02 Samuel Ferguson: Missionary Bishop for West Africa, 1916

03 George Freeman Bragg, Jr.: Priest, 1940; and, William E.B. DuBois: Sociologist, 1963

05 Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, and

Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1553: Artists

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**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. **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 In-Gathering is **August 20, 2023**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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## **July 30, 2023 UTO Project Awards**

More than \$1 million in United Thank Offering grants was designated for 22 projects related to the worldwide incarceration crisis within The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. The funds came from the United Thank Offering’s 2022 Ingathering, where monies collected in UTO “blue boxes” at Episcopal churches throughout the year are gathered as thank offerings. This year’s focus for grant applications was projects addressing the worldwide incarceration crisis, specifically preventative programs and intervention, prisoner support outreach, prison reform work, or post-prison reentry.

“The worldwide incarceration crisis affects us all, whether or not we know someone directly affected by incarceration,” said UTO Board President Sherri Dietrich. “Jesus’ words in Matthew 25 and the Way of Love encourage us to work for justice in the world and to respect the dignity of every human being, including prisoners and their families. The grants UTO funded this year will create that ministry in new places around the world.”

Below are some of the projects funded by the UTO in 2023. Find the whole list at [iam.ec/uto2023en](http://iam.ec/uto2023en).

### **Well Time 2.0: Empowering Re-entry**

*Des Moines, Iowa, \$22,048*

Well Time 2.0: Empowering Reentry will recruit/prepare volunteers from churches to provide faith-based support to women recently released from prison through weekly group meetings at the Waterloo Women’s Center for Change and through individual reentry teams for women to offer compassionate guidance to overcome personal, societal, and economic barriers.

### **Partner for Success**

*Elkridge, Maryland, \$31,408*

Partner for Success is a faith-based mentoring program designed to help those who are incarcerated make a smooth transition back into society in the greater Baltimore, Maryland, area. Participants are matched with a mentor and a worship community to establish short- and longterm plans –of action for successful reentry back into society.

### **Sowing Love and Education**

*Eloy Alfaro, Canton Manta, Ecuador \$79,604.14*

Construction of the Child Care Center, which provides comprehensive and integral care to children from 3 months to 5 years old of incarcerated persons. The center will promote integral development of minors and their abilities, guarantee a safe and caring environment, initial education, psychological care, and support for families who take care of them.

**Compassionate Anglicans Youth Republic Project of Campo Verde**

*Missionary District, Brazil: \$55,000*

This project is to create the Compassionate Anglicans Youth Republic Project , which will provide support, subsidized housing, and job training/work to a group of 10 young men who have aged out of shelters, are in vulnerable situations, have broken or extremely fragile family ties, and who do not have the means for self-sustenance.

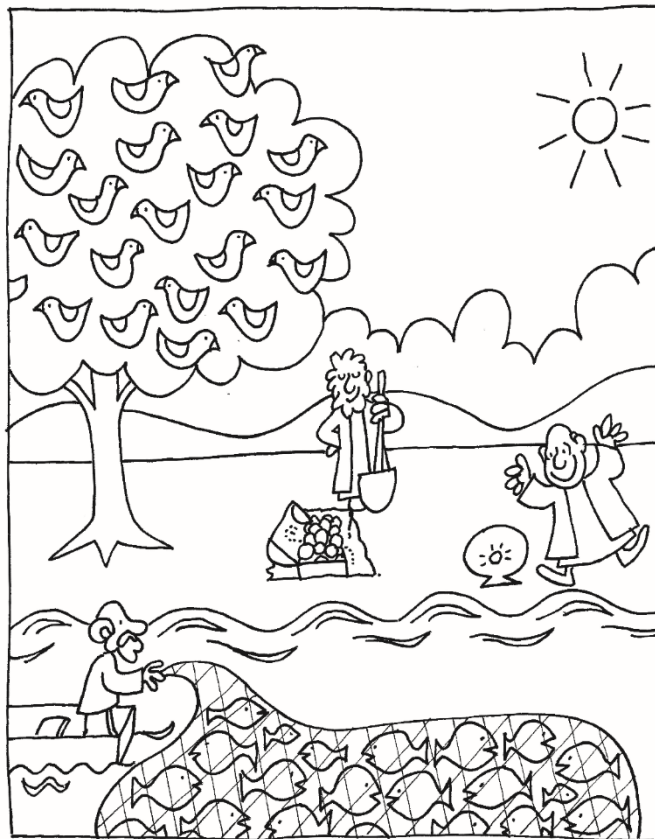
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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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