

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021- 10 am

## AS WE GATHER

An old Jewish prayer begins, “Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe.” To call God “King” is to acknowledge Him as the highest ruler over all. Earthly kings never created the subjects of their rule out of nothing as has the one Creator God. So much higher and more exalted than any earthly sovereign king is God. In the Old Testament, God gave His people



kings for their nation. But unlike the rulers of other nations, Israel’s kings were to rule in God’s name and after His heart and will and word. They were to rule God’s people like shepherds tending sheep, like David of old. Few, however, were faithful to their calling. Through a king named Zedekiah, God both condemned the former faithless kings and promised the future righteous Branch of the great King David. In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus, God’s Son, having compassion on people as a shepherd has compassion on the sheep. Because of Jesus’ blood and righteousness, you have a King that cannot fail. He cares for you and will deliver you safely to your eternal home.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me

And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Ephesians 2:12–13, alt.*

Pastor: Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

People: **But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have**

**failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S SONG and MESSAGE "Go and Tell"**

Go and tell  
Ev'ryone!  
Tell them all about our Jesus,  
How He died and rose to save us.  
Go and tell  
Ev'ryone!

Share the news  
Ev'rywhere!  
Jesus loves me, is my Brother.  
I love Him; we love each other.  
Share the news  
Ev'rwhere!

Go and tell  
Ev'ryone!  
Tell the world to trust and love Him;  
He brings joy and gives us heaven;  
Go and tell  
Ev'ryone!

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**☩ WORD ☩**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 147:7–11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16*

**All:**           **You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

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

**You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

## **KYRIE**

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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- 1       Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
          With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
          But all their joys are one.
  
- 2       “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,  
          “To be exalted thus!”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,  
          “For He was slain for us!”
  
- 3       Jesus is worthy to receive  
          Honor and pow’r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
          Be, Lord, forever Thine.

4        Let all creation join in one  
          To bless the sacred name  
          Of Him who sits upon the throne  
          And to adore the Lamb.

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## SALUTATION

Pastor:        The Lord be with you.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:        Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 23:1–6* (The righteous Branch)

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and

he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Romans 11:33, 36*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 2:11–22* (One in Christ)

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated 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 himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are

fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Psalm 78:25*

**Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Mark 6:30–44* (Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place 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 desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up

to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Church’s One Foundation”# 644

- 1 The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
  
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation,  
Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev’ry grace endued.
  
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
  
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation



Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

**SERMON** “Jesus Saw and Had Compassion” (Mark 6:30-44)

**CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your Word—Your Holy Commandments, Your Holy Scriptures, but above all, with Your Holy Word made flesh, Your only-begotten Son to be our Good Shepherd, our Savior, our Lord, and our King. Receive our praise for the gift of Your salvation and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to pray. Grant Your Holy Church peace and strength to give witness to Your mercy for all people. Bless our nation with faithful leaders who will govern according to Your will in righteousness. Sustain all who protect and defend us from harm and danger both in the world and in Your gift of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Endow Your ministers with compassion and grace to reach the lost and to serve Your people faithfully with Your Word and Sacraments. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and all enemies of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver and heal all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, especially . . . Like a shepherd, lead us all to the still waters and green pastures of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions may be added. The pastor and congregation will conclude each petition with: Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

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  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” #793

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

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