

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

27 September 2015 at 10:30 a.m.  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II, EOW

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

*This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist found in Enriching Our Worship, supplemental liturgical texts. Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 or the black Lift Every Voice.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand to sing*

**Hymn H-552** Fight the good fight with all thy might *Pentecost*

### ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

*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** Gloria in excelsis *S280*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit for*

### THE LESSONS

**The First Reading:** Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, he king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if I pleases the king, let my life be given me –that is my petition – and the lives of my people –that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and

the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said,"Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high. And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,

let Israel now say;

*If the Lord had not been on our side*

*when enemies rose up against us*

Then would they have swallowed us up alive

in their fierce anger toward us

*Then would the waters have overwhelmed us*

*and the torrent gone over us*

Then would the raging waters have gone right over us

*Blessed be the Lord! He has not given us over to*

*be a prey for their teeth.*

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

*Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

**The Epistle:** James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick. and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1 & 2 are sung before the readings and verses 3 & 4 are sung after.*

**HYMN H-343** Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless *St. Agnes*

**The Gospel:** Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus

said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go the hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Secaur

*The people 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, 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, 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.*

*The people are led in*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, EOW FORM III

Merciful God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine our Presiding Bishop; for Mark our bishop; for Steve and Caroline our priests; Lydia our Deacon and for all the clergy and people.

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. . .

*The people kneel for*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People*

*God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.*

*The Celebrant pronounces absolution*

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.*

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

**PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION**

*The people may come forward to receive a special prayer or blessing.*

*The people are seated for the*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**ALTAR PREPARATION**

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

**HYMN H-328** Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord *Song 46*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**

*The people stand to sing*

**At the Presentation:** The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3) *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EOW 2**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *S120*

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 our thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** Sanctus *S130*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph her spouse, Blessed Bartholomew, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

*Celebrant and 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.*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Fraction Anthem** Christ our Passover *S154*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All baptized people—whether Episcopalian or not—are welcome to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. If you wish to receive a healing blessing from the Celebrant, when you come to the rail for Communion, fold your hands in prayer.*

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

**COMMUNION H-652** Dear Lord and Father of mankind *Rest*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

*The people stand to sing*

**HYMN H-609** Where cross the crowded ways of life *Gardiner*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Saint Bartholomew**

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