



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

July 30, 2017: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

Music

Prelude	<i>Hymn To Joy</i>	Michael Burkhardt
Entrance	<i>Slane</i>	Hymnal 488
Offertory Anthem	<i>The Call (from Five Mystical Songs)</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams
Offertory	<i>Sine Nomine</i>	See bulletin
Communion Hymns	<i>These Three are the Treasures</i> <i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>	See back of bulletin LEVAS 146
Exit	<i>St. Botolph</i>	Hymnal 603
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune in E-flat</i>	David N. Johnson

Scripture

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

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. Leahs 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **Refrain**

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen. **Refrain**

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

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

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The altar flowers are given by Karen Prechtl to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Prechtl, who died July 27, 2016.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant &Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith	Chalice	Meg Goldstein, Ernie Last
Guest Organist	Yvonne Sullivan	Crucifer	Scott Scoopmire
Guest Musician	Scott Lunte	Ushers	Ron Bullock, Bob Niedringhaus
Lectors	Katie Kramer, Bill Scoopmire		
Intercessor	Josephine Ezenwa-Okpala	Altar Guild	Jean Parker

Announcements

Theology on Tap August 1 (6:30pm) "Get thee to a nunnery?" In recent months a national spotlight has been turned on the book "The Benedict Option." Is monasticism the faithful response to a troubled world? This months speaker is Alden Bass, professor of theology at SLU and a founding member of the "Lotus House" a "new monastic" community in North St. Louis. Theology on Tap meets the 1st Tuesday each month for good food and conversation at Dressels Pub in the Central West End. Read more: www.pubtheologystl.org.

School Supplies Students at Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School will need new school supplies when classes resume in August. Let's support them by filling the basket in the Narthex by August 13. Items needed include new backpacks, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, glue/glue sticks, highlighters, blunt scissors, wide ruled spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, 2-pocket folders (Blue, Green, Yellow or Red), 3-ring binders, Playdough, #2 Pencils, pencil boxes/pouches, large pink erasers, tissues, zip-lock bags (all sizes), headphones, hand sanitizer/wipes. Find the complete list at www.holycommunion.net.

Sunday Book Club August 13 (11:45am) This months title is *Maltese Falcon* by Dashield Hammit. Join us for an engaging discussion of this book on August 13 after the 10:30 service.

Summer Pickup Choir August 20 and 27 9:30am Have you missed the choir during the summer months? Then come sing in our summer pickup choir on August 20th and 27th. You can come to one or both! We'll meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am, sing through the appointed hymns and psalm, then learn a simple anthem for that morning's service. It's a great way to meet a few of the choir members, and to enjoy singing in a choir for a couple days. Questions? Just email Mary Chapman at mchapman@holycommunion.net.