



July 15, 2018: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

Prelude	<i>Asturiana from Siete Populares Españolas</i>	Manuel de Falla
Entrance	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	Hymnal 436
Offertory Anthem	<i>Canción from Siete Populares Españolas</i>	Manuel de Falla
Communion Hymns	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	LEVAS 111
	<i>All Who Hunger Gather Gladly</i>	See back of bulletin
Exit	<i>Praise to the Living God</i>	Hymnal 372
Postlude	<i>Variations for Organ on Nettleton</i>	Albert L. Travis

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

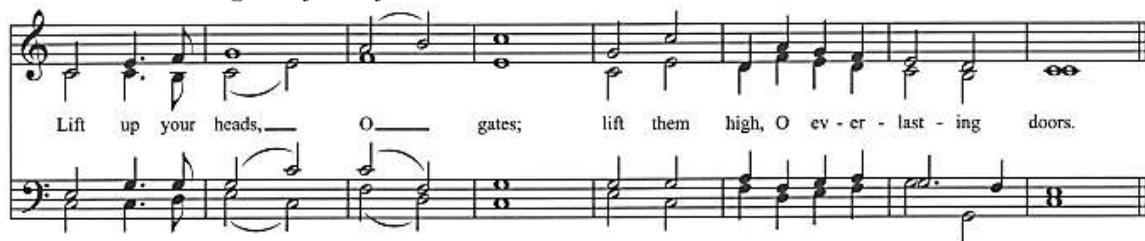
2 Samuel 6:1-5

Once again David assembled the select warriors of Israel, thirty thousand strong. David and all the troops who were with him set out for Baalah, which is Kiriath-jearim of Judah, to bring God's chest up from there—the chest that is called by the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, who sits enthroned on the winged creatures. They loaded God's chest on a new cart and carried it from Abinadab's house, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart. Uzzah was beside God's chest while Ahio was walking in front of it. Meanwhile, David and the entire house of Israel celebrated in the Lord's presence with all their strength, with songs, zithers, harps, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 *All sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*



Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **Refrain.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? "
and who can stand in his holy place?"
"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **Refrain.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is this King of glory?"
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle." **Refrain.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is he, this King of glory?"
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory." **Refrain.**

2nd Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be his adopted

children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves. We have been ransomed through his Son's blood, and we have forgiveness for our failures based on his overflowing grace, which he poured over us with wisdom and understanding. God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*

Mark 6:14-29

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Herod the king heard about these things, because the name of Jesus had become well-known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and this is why miraculous powers are at work through him." Others were saying, "He is Elijah." Still others were saying, "He is a prophet like one of the ancient prophets." But when Herod heard these rumors, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised to life." He said this because Herod himself had arranged to have John arrested and put in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Herod's brother Philip. Herod had married her, but John told Herod, "It's against the law for you to marry your brother's wife!" So Herodias had it in for John. She wanted to kill him, but she couldn't. This was because Herod respected John. He regarded him as a righteous and holy person, so he protected him. John's words greatly confused Herod, yet he enjoyed listening to him. Finally, the time was right. It was on one of Herod's birthdays, when he had prepared a feast for his high-ranking officials and military officers and Galilee's leading residents. Herod's daughter Herodias came in and danced, thrilling Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the young woman, "Ask me whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." Then he swore to her, "Whatever you ask I will give to you, even as much as half of my kingdom." She left the banquet hall and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" "John the Baptist's head," Herodias replied. Hurrying back to the ruler, she made her request: "I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a plate, right

this minute.” Although the king was upset, because of his solemn pledge and his guests, he didn’t want to refuse her. So he ordered a guard to bring John’s head. The guard went to the prison, cut off John’s head, brought his head on a plate, and gave it to the young woman, and she gave it to her mother. When John’s disciples heard what had happened, they came and took his dead body and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer & Chalice	Mary Haggerty
Intercessor	Bradley Currey
Lectors	Ryan Freedle, Elizabeth Hines
Chalice	Josephine Ezenwa
Acolytes	Chloe Olliff, Kara Hudson
Greeters/Ushers	Hal Parker, Megan Ondr
Children’s Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Jean Parker, John Bell
Guest Musicians	Eliana Haig, Alex Stefaniak

The altar flowers today are given by Edna Allen in memory of Janice Hawthorn

Announcements

Laundry Love – Tuesday, July 17: (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) Please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation.

Pickup Choir: July 22nd. August 12th and 26th. 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. Please email Mary Chapman at mchapman@holycommunion.net.

Sending off our Seminarians: July 29th at 10:30am. Both Mary Haggerty and Meg Goldstein are headed out from Holy Communion later this summer to continue their seminary studies in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. Meg is headed to Virginia Seminary, and Mary is leaving Eden Seminary to finish her formation at Sewanee in Tennessee. Their last Sunday with us will be July 29th. Plan to come for our 10:30am service and join us for a cake after Eucharist, as we send them off in style.

Blessing of the Backpacks: August 12 all students, administrators, teachers, bus-drivers etc. are invited to come forward with their backpacks for a blessing. We also bless the ingathered school supplies for Barbara Jordan Elementary School so please bring in your donations. We’ll have special music, and a children’s sermon from Heidi Olliff.