



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 26, 2018 at 10:30am

Prelude	<i>Prelude on "Down Ampney"</i>	Henry G. Ley
Entrance	<i>Come Down O Love Divine</i>	Hymnal 516
Offertory Anthem	<i>I Would See Jesus</i>	Martha Shaffer
	<i>I would see Jesus when the flowers of joy adorn my way, When sunshine and when hope surrounds my path from day to day. When friends I cherish most are near, and hearts encircle mine, Then, Father, would I turn from all to lean alone on thine. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!" I came to Jesus and I drank</i>	<i>of that life-giving stream, My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light. Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright!" I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun. And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.</i>

Communion Hymns	<i>There is a Balm in Gilead</i>	LEVAS 203
	<i>How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place</i>	Hymnal 517
Exit	<i>Spread O Spread thou Mighty Word</i>	Hymnal 530
Postlude	<i>Sketches for Organ, III. Trumpet Tune</i>	Wilbur Held

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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*

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Solomon stood before the Lord's altar in front of the entire Israelite assembly and, spreading out his hands toward the sky, he said: Lord God of Israel, there's no god like you in heaven above or on earth below. You keep the covenant and show loyalty to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. This is the covenant you kept with your servant David,

my father, which you promised him. Today, you have fulfilled what you promised. So now, Lord, Israel's God, keep what you promised my father David, your servant, when you said to him, "You will never fail to have a successor sitting on Israel's throne as long as your descendants carefully walk before me just as you walked before me." So now, God of Israel, may your promise to your servant David, my father, come true. But how could God possibly live on earth? If heaven, even the highest heaven, can't contain you, how can this temple that I've built contain you? Lord my God, listen to your servant's prayer and request, and hear the cry and prayer that your servant prays to you today. Constantly watch over this temple, the place about which you said, "My name will be there," and listen to the prayer that your servant is praying toward this place. Listen to the request of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive! Listen also to the immigrant who isn't from your people Israel but who comes from a distant country because of your reputation— because they will hear of your great reputation, your great power, and your outstretched arm. When the immigrant comes and prays toward this temple, then listen from heaven, where you live, and do everything the immigrant asks. Do this so that all the people of the earth may know your reputation and revere you, as your people Israel do, and recognize that this temple I have built bears your name.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6. *All sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

2nd Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan of the gospel known. I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

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The Holy Gospel *please stand*

John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Many of his disciples who heard this said, "This message is harsh. Who can hear it?" Jesus knew that the disciples were grumbling about this and he said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you were to see the Human One going up where he was before? The Spirit is the one who gives life and the flesh doesn't help at all. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Yet some of you don't believe." Jesus knew from the beginning who wouldn't believe and the one who would betray him. He said, "For this reason I said to you that none can come to me unless the Father enables them to do so." At this, many of his disciples turned away and no longer accompanied him. Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are God's holy one."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Marc Smith
Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell
Crucifer & Chalice	Joe Adams
Lectors	Laurie Justiss, Cassandra Gonzalez
Intercessor	Barbara Robinson
Acolytes	Clara Olliff, Amanda Willingham
Greeters/Ushers	Ron Bullock, David Motherwell
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Esther Ezenwa, Edna Allen

Announcements

Intergenerational Game Night: September 2. Bring your favorite game and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide the food and drinks. We will gather from 5-7:30pm.

Christian Formation Begins: September 9 Godly Play and Adult Forum are starting up again. Join us for Adult Forum at 9:15 on Sunday mornings as we gather for formation before or after worship. We often highlight social justice issues and opportunities for spiritual growth. In Godly Play, children explore and develop their relationship with God using religious forms of expression, including parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action as tools for them to articulate and wonder about their relationship with God. Registration is not required. For info, email Heidi Olliff, Children's Formation Coordinator: hmolliff@holychommunion.net

Theology on Tap: September 5 at 6:30p. This month at Theology on Tap, we will learn about how interfaith groups around the country work together for social change. We will talk about the kind of organizing it takes for the faith community to have a voice in shaping policy in a region, and we'll ask how we might start to shift politics in the St. Louis region. Join us and bring friends. Theology on Tap meets upstairs at Dressel's Pub at 6:30pm on the First Wednesday of each month.

Pilgrimage Class – Sept. 16 (12:15pm) Are you new to Holy Communion? To the Episcopal Church? To Christianity? Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition, is especially suited for newcomers but open to all. Pilgrimage will take place across four monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons, beginning with lunch at 12:15 and finishing by 2:45. Register at holychommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/.