

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021 — ONLINE WORSHIP

LITURGY OF THE WORD & PRAYERS

**Prelude**

Voluntary

Henry Heron (c. 1725–1795)

**Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation and Collect**

Come, Holy Spirit. **Make all things new.**

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.**

**Hymn WLP 746**

God the sculptor of the mountains  
Members of the St. Columba Singers

*Sandria*

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
You are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar of the darkness, God the beacon of the free:  
You are gate of all deliv'rance, we are sightless; lead us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected Truth:  
You are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:  
You are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.

—Text: John Thornburg (b. 1954)

**Collect of the Day**

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Gospel** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves 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 deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. David Griswold, Deacon

*A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* O 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, deacons, and pastors of every kind;  
**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, especially in our efforts to undo the structures of racism wherever they may be found;  
**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.**

We pray especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . .

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.  
**That we may be a blessing to others.**

We pray especially for . . . and those blessings we name now, either silently or aloud . . .

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . .

*Officiant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, blessed Trinity, three in one. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

### **Announcements**

## Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
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*St. Agnes*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body and thy Blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

– Text: James Montgomery (1771–1845), *alt.*

## Blessing

*The People respond Amen.*

## Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

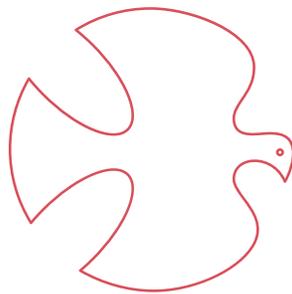
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Scherzo

Alan Ridout (1934–1996)

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