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And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Service of Holy Communion +

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *The vineyard is frequently used in Scripture to denote a special place in God's creation. To have a vineyard and enjoy its fruit is a blessing. When the prophet Isaiah speaks of the goodness of the Lord, he says that God's favored people "shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit" (Isaiah 65:21). Vineyards were planted with a fruitful harvest in mind. We are the Lord's planting, and we eagerly await our harvest home.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Serenade"

by W. J. Westbrook

WELCOME

[♩ Means please stand; [P] Means please be seated]

♩ OPENING HYMN

Every Morning Mercies New



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
2 Still the great - ness of Thy love Dai - ly doth our
3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail, That these gifts may
4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
nev - er fail; And as we con - fess the sin
splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to Thee,



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day; For Thy mer - cies,
Lifts the bur - den from the breast; Gives un - bought to
And the tempt - er's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
Ev - er - bless - ed Trin - i - ty, With our hands our

(continued)



Lord, are sure, Thy com - pas - sion doth en - dure.
 those who pray Strength to stand in e - vil day.
 Bread of Life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
 hearts to raise, In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 80:1, 14-15, 7

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!*
- C** **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**
- P** *Turn again, O God of hosts!*
- C** **Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.**
- P** *Restore us, O God of hosts;*
- C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.*
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** *Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.*
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P** *Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: v. 1

INTROIT

- P** *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*
 - C** **for his steadfast love endures forever!**
 - P** *The stone that the builders rejected*
 - C** **has become the cornerstone.**
 - P** *This is the LORD's doing;*
 - C** **it is marvelous in our eyes.**
 - P** *This is the day that the LORD has made;*
 - C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*
 - C** **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard. Supply us with diligence for tasks in Your kingdom, always rejoicing with those to whom Your Spirit has come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Alleluia. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown



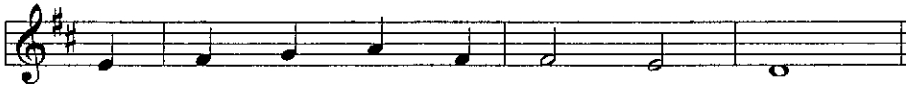
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them-selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5. They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.
6. In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
7. Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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SERMON

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C I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. For the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith, we are emboldened to witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all nations of the earth, that there be times of peace; for our own nation that it would seek to bring that which is good and God-pleasing; and for our own communities and neighborhoods, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For faithfulness to carry out our callings with faithfulness, living each day with hope and confidence as we await the time of the great and glorious final harvest, let us pray to the Lord.
- G** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the needs that are specially known to us at this time, including health and family concerns, situations of disability or bereavement, and the changes that are part of human life, [especially . . .]. With assurance that our petitions are heard, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mercy.
- P** With thanks to You for all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who serve to inspire us in our times, we bless You, abiding Lord. Confident that our prayers and petitions are heard and that all which is best for us is done according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **G** Amen.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. We bless You for having planted us in Your vineyard and for keeping us in Your abiding care. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
- G** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** 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 forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** Amen.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your glorious kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we live with assurance and confidence, free from every fear. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be people who rejoice in Your promises and live to Your glory. Sanctify and keep us in the one true faith throughout this earthly life until we come at last to the company of saints and angels in light eternal. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. **C Amen.**

BENEDICTION

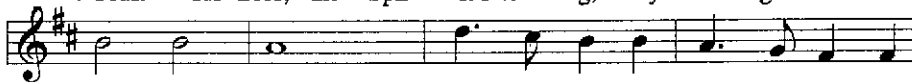
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. **C Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"All Now Sing Forth in Praise"

by Edward Broughton

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