



*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – RITE II

Sunday, 6 September 2020 + 10:30 AM

*Pensacola, Florida + Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*

**The Prelude: Fantasia in E flat Major**

—Johann Pachelbel

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## Welcome

*(The People stand)*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.**

**Song of Praise: *Cantate Domino* – Hans Leo Hassler**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson (*The People are seated.*)

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

*Exodus 12:1-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that

same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence may be kept.*

### The Psalm – Psalm 149

BCP 807

***1 Hallelujah!***

***Sing to the LORD a new song; \****  
***sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

***2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \****  
***let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.***

***3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \****  
***let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.***

***4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \****  
***and adorns the poor with victory.***

***5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \****  
***let them be joyful on their beds.***

***6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \****  
***and a two-edged sword in their hand;***

***7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \****  
***and punishment on the peoples;***

***8 To bind their kings in chains \****  
***and their nobles with links of iron;***

***9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \****  
***this is glory for all his faithful people.***  
***Hallelujah!***

## The Second Lesson

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. *Romans 13:8-14*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## Hymn 388 – O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

**The Gospel** (*The People stand.*)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Matthew 18:15-20*

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Katie Gillett*

*Silence may be kept.*

## The Nicene Creed

*BCP 358*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,**

***Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## Prayers of the People: Form VI

*BCP 392*

*Priest:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
(*The People kneel*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

We pray this day for all those suffering from the coronavirus, or any other illness; for those who worry about their families and friends, and about their jobs and livelihoods; and for all those at the forefront of our health care and public safety systems.

We pray for the sick and hospitalized in our parish and community.

We pray for all those on our hearts and minds this day, those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*BCP 364*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**The Peace**

*BCP 360*

*All Stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

*BCP 360*

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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### The Postlude: Toccata in G Major

– Théodore Dubois

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

*Take a moment to reflect on the Gospel passage. Some guided reflection questions are provided here:*

In our Gospel, Jesus is talking with his disciples and tells them “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Scholars relate the language of binding and loosing to rabbinic authority to interpret how or even if one should apply a commandment or law to a given circumstance. He had previously said these same words to Peter (Mt 16:19), but here Jesus is giving authority to the whole church community to interpret Scripture in the context of their own lived experience. Can you think of ways in which scripture has been reinterpreted in light of present-day circumstances (consider dietary laws, or ritual practices, or “eye for an eye” legalisms, or simply Gospel interpretations, for instance)?

## PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL DEVOTION

### *Prayer for Unity in Time of Pandemic:*

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness”: We pray to you for all who are sick with the coronavirus, for those who have died, and for all who fear what lies ahead. As we stay apart to protect our bodies, let us come together in spirit to heal our souls, that your love for us may be manifest in our love and support for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Prayer for Justice:*

O God, you have bound us together in a common life; Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move us, in the midst of our struggles for justice, equality and truth, to break down the barriers which divide us, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together for the common good, in a spirit of love, mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Prayer for Labor Day:*

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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