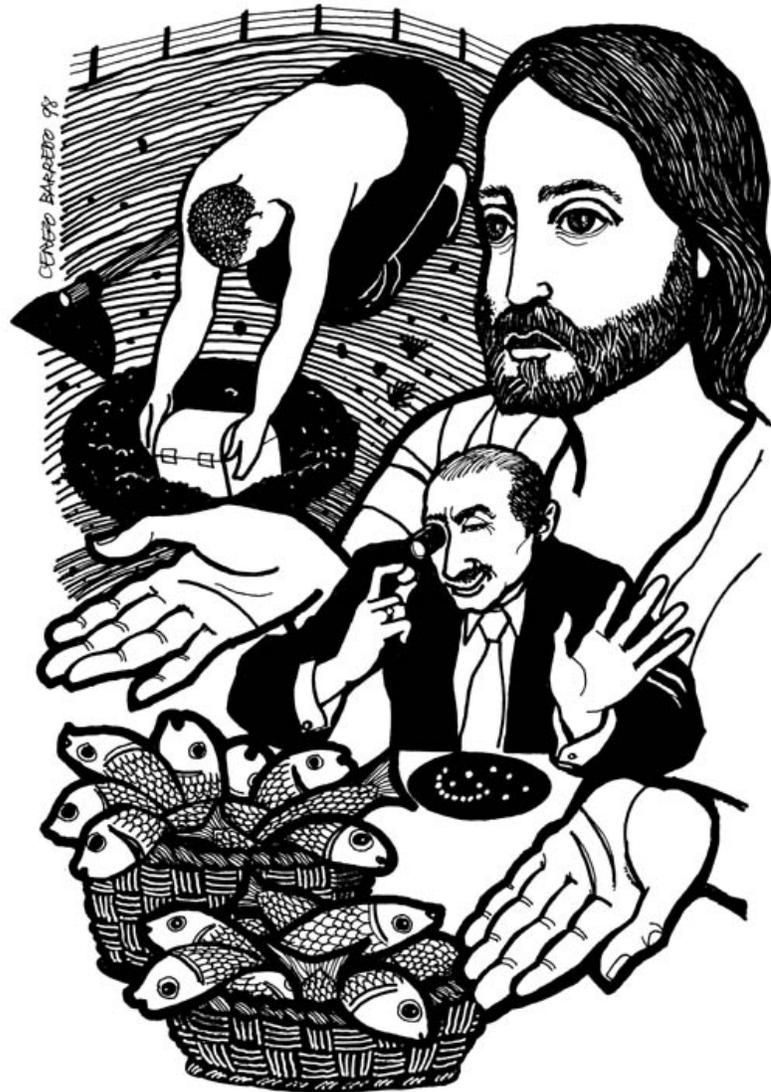


# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY of SAN MARCOS

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*At Ten O'clock in the morning*

## Prayer Requests

For those for whom our prayers have been requested this past week: especially Edna Kerr, Lisa Sherman and Gary Y, Kathy K, Joyce D, Carole C, Melissa and her children, Jake P, Mary, AJ, Kacey, Grace, Terry, Jim, Barbara W and all in need known to God.

We continue our prayers for victims of violence throughout the world.

For all travelers in our parish community.

For our Veterans and all in our Uniformed Services at home and abroad, especially Evan Gardner and all who are serving in our military.

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

On the Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray the. Please pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Clergy and People of: St. Mary's in-the-Valley, Ramona

*To have names added to the bulletin Prayer Requests, contact Pam Wheatland at [pamwheatland@gmail.com](mailto:pamwheatland@gmail.com)*

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## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Acclamation

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

### Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.*

*The following is said.*

### Gloria “Great and Wonderful”

*Revelation 15:3b-4; 5:13 A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Great and wonderful are your deeds  
O Lord God the almighty:  
just and true are your ways O Sovereign of the nations.  
Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord?  
for you alone are holy.  
All nations shall come and worship in your presence:  
for your just dealings have been revealed.  
To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:  
be blessing and honour, glory and might  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis

29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord

*People*

Thanks be to God

## Psalm 128

*All join in praying the Psalm.*

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the LORD, \*  
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- 4 The man who fears the LORD \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

## Epistle

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People*           The Word of the Lord  
                      Thanks be to God

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

*Priest*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People*           Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all

the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

## **Sermon**

Fr. Frank Munoz

## **Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*Celebrant and People*

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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and  
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds the following Collect.*

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for relief and comfort. Deliver us, we beseech you, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use for their cure; comfort those who mourn or who are in great financial distress; endue our leaders with wisdom and courage; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

“In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality,” 1928 Book of Common Prayer, 45, revised for the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

## Peace

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

*We invite anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary to wave so we can acknowledge you.*

## Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

Watch over thy servants, O Lord, as *their* days increase, bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Hymn

*Martha Schattman*

## Offertory

*The celebrant says an offering sentence. Offerings can now be done via our parish website.*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People* ***and of thine own have we given thee***

## LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (Attributed to St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

*Celebrant and People*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

## General Thanksgiving

*Celebrant and People*

*New Zealand Prayer Book*

God our Creator, our centre, our friend,  
we thank you for our good life,  
for those who are dear to us,  
for our dead, and for all who have helped and influenced us.

We thank you for the measure of freedom we have,  
and the extent to which we control our lives;  
and most of all we thank you for the faith that is in us,  
for our awareness of you and our hope in you.  
Keep us, we pray you, thankful and hopeful  
and useful until our lives shall end. Amen.

## **Blessing**

BCP 503

*The priest blesses the people*

The Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Announcements of the Parish**

### **Dismissal**

*People*                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

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