



## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 18, 2021**

Prelude The Lord My  
Shepherd H. Matthews

**Bell calling us together**

**Opening Hymn #536**

**1 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring**

**with loving zeal;  
the poor and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.**

**2 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.**

**3 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom now and  
forever. Amen**

**The Collect for Purity – Almighty God...**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

### **The Collect**

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.*

### **Old Testament**

#### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and  
scatter the sheep of my pasture! says  
the LORD. Therefore thus says  
the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning  
the shepherds who shepherd my  
people: It is you who have scattered  
my flock, and have driven them away,  
and you have not attended to them. So  
I will attend to you for your evil doings,  
says the LORD.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## The Psalm

### Psalm 23

#### *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## The Epistle

### Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

## **The Gospel**

### **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

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 Nicene Creed**

**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**

Let us pray to our patient, merciful God that compassion may never disappear from our world, and let us say:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– Lord, we pray you for a compassionate Church that is lenient and patient with those who err, a Church which gives them the time and the help to change, and so we ask you:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– Lord, we pray you to give to your Church compassionate shepherds who show something of your compassion and mercy in their service, and so we ask you:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– Lord, we pray you for a compassionate society that cares for the needy, tries to do away with unjust structures and makes its laws and courts bring justice to all without any discrimination, and so we ask you:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– Lord, we pray to make us compassionate people, who bring your mercy and love to the sick and the aged, to widows and orphans, to the discouraged and the dying, we pray you:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– Lord, make us compassionate communities, who, like you, see and feel the needs of people without being asked; who try gently and unobtrusively to lighten the burdens of those who suffer, and so we ask you:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– Lord, be compassionate and patient with us when we have sinned and restore us, we ask you:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

.That all those on our parishes prayer list and any who we now name may come to know peace and grace in their lives.....pause....let us pray:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord**

Our loving God,  
your Son Jesus has revealed you to us

as more tender, warmhearted and compassionate than any mother could ever be. Be near to all who are wounded in life, care for all the little people trampled upon. Make all those who follow your Son people who can forgive and heal, who make themselves nourishing bread for all who are hungry in any way. Make us care for one another as you care for us through Jesus, your Son and our Lord for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

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.**

**Hymn during the preparation of the Gifts  
#708**

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**2 Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.**

The Lord  
be with  
you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and every-  
where to give thanks to you, Father  
Almighty, Creator of  
heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. For you are the source of light and life,  
you made us in your  
image, and called us to new life in Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices  
with Angels and  
Archangels and with all the company of  
heaven, who for ever  
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your  
Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and  
might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite  
love you made us  
for yourself, and, when we had fallen into  
sin and become  
subject to evil and death, you, in your  
mercy, sent Jesus  
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share  
our human  
nature, to live and die as one of us, to  
reconcile us to you, the  
God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,  
and offered himself,  
in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice  
for the whole  
world.

*At the following words concerning the  
bread, the Celebrant is to hold it,  
or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words  
concerning the cup, to hold or  
place a hand upon the cup and any other  
vessel containing wine to be  
consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to  
suffering and death, our  
Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he  
had given thanks  
to you, he broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, and said, "Take,  
eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the  
remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*

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

All: **Our Father...**

*Priest:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

**Gifts of God.....**

*Act of Spiritual Communion for those at home: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen*

**Communion Meditation Hymn #343**  
remain seated

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

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

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

### Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### Closing Hymn #708

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much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2 Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Go In peace to love and serve the Lord  
Thanks be to God

Postlude All Praises be Thee Glenn Nelson

