

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020



Parable of the Mustard Seed: Orthodox Icon, artist unknown

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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 615 (vs. 1&5)

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

Thy kingdom come!

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ -- Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People together

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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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 Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Presider Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Presider and People

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with
psalms. For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 119:129-136

Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Lesson

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 488 (vs. 1&3)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my vision

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider **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.**

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 388 (vs. 1&5)

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O Worship the King, all glorious above!

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

Prayer List

Walt, Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, The Normans, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

Genevieve Doyle	7/16	Laura Crookless	7/27
Betty Cierech	7/23	Katherine Horner	7/29
J.R. Flood	7/26	Terri Hogan	7/31
Lizzie Reaves	7/26	Susan Horner	8/1

ECA Vestry Here to Serve You!

Soon before COVID caused in person meetings and worship to come to a screeching halt, the ECA vestry gathered for the yearly retreat and assigned ministry positions. While you may not see your ECA Vestry in person during these difficult times, they are here to serve you however they can. Below is a list of ECA Vestry positions and contact information (you may find phone numbers in the online directory). Feel free to reach out anytime to your Vestry. The Vestry is dedicated to the spiritual wellbeing of ECA and all its parishioners!

Vestry Member	Ministry Position	email address
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OPEN HEARTS Day of Giving August 9th, 2020

ECA REACH Ministry seeks your help, during this COVID-19 pandemic, many families in our communities have suffered greatly. We hope to be able to bring a little bit of joy and happiness into their lives by providing some needed items and little gifts to show our love. Below is what we hope to accomplish. Anything you can help provide will help us meet this goal. This is WHAT we do! Please bring purchased items to the church on July 26th and August 2nd and we will prepare the items for giveaway and then distribute on August 9th, a week before school starts.

Backpacks for the kids:

1. Summer art projects from the supplies at ECA.
2. School Supplies
3. Games – Domino's Travel Set \$3.50 and Boxed Puzzles The kids and their families will be able to have fun together
4. Book(s).
5. \$25 Gift card for shoes
6. Masks for school

Shopping Bags for Parents:

- 1, Groceries – Non-Perishables
2. Toiletries – Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Disposable masks
3. Gift card for \$25 to a store for perishable items

Need assistance with:

- a. Non-Perishable food
- b. Toiletries – toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotions
- c. Disposable masks
- d. Juice Boxes/pouches

Note: this event has tentative approval from the Bishop diocesan and subject to change and/or be canceled due to COVID-19 conditions.

Adult Christian Formation class Sundays at 10:30a.m. via Zoom

Those who are interested can participate in our Adult Christian formation class via Zoom at 10:30 am. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

Education for Ministry Group

Education for Ministry is a small, mentored group that provides the framework for understanding life and shaping actions that will deepen Christian faith. This study will help you to discern your calling. EFM will resume in August on Sundays from 1:30-4:00. If you are interested or need more information, contact Katie Dunlap at 404-444-6874 or katiedunlap5@gmail.com

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here.](#) Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

Limited Activities on ECA Property now allowed by Diocese of Atlanta

Members are now allowed to visit the memorial garden, landscaping maintenance and utilize the grounds. All CDC and Health dept guidelines are still in effect. This means no more than 10 people, physical distancing of 6ft, and wearing a mask is required. The Vestry has adopted guidelines for those who come on the property for outside activities and ask that ALL guidelines be followed to enable the property staying open for outside in-person activities.

Important COVID-19 Guidelines and Information for when we get back together for In-person worship

Click on the links below to review:

- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Phase One re-opening at ECA: [Click Here](#)
- Latest bishop's directive. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

Father Paul Continues to make Pastoral Calls during COVID-19 as Needed

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds virtually via telephone calls and online check-ins. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, or simply a virtual visit, please contact Fr. Paul directly at pcm09@bellsouth.net. Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

Several Ways to Give During the Temporary Change in Activities and Worship

During the next few weeks we will not be able to gather in person at ECA. Unfortunately, our bills still come due. Please consider ways to give in your absence. For your convenience, ECA now offers online giving. It's fast and easy! Please note, there is a 2.2% fee plus \$0.30 per transaction the church incurs. Simply click the "Online Giving" button on our website and designate what your funds are for. You can also set up Check Pay through your bank and designate to ECA. Additionally, you may mail your check or take it to the church and place in the securely locked mailbox at the street; address is 1673 Jamerson Rd. Marietta, GA 30066. We greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times!

Financial Report and Giving Statements to be Sent out in the Coming Weeks

Every Month we will make available our year to date financial results. Currently, for the year we are in good financial shape. The finance committee, in conjunction with the Vestry, has been paying close attention to our expenses during the current hardships we are facing with no in-person services at ECA. We are \$7,630 below projected revenue with pledge and non-pledge income and plate collection revenues. Since our expenses are down, we are in positive scenario with income/expenses. Thank you for your continued financial support during these difficult times! We will send out giving statements in the coming weeks.

<u>(YTD) Through June 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$110,124	\$117,754	(\$7,630)
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$105,396</u>	<u>\$120,287</u>	<u>\$14,891</u>
<u>Net Year to date</u>	(\$4,728)	(\$2,533)	\$7,261

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