

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 18, 2010

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion

The Rev. Joseph Bourret preaching and presiding



Welcome!

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

We are glad you are worshipping with us. All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

After worship, please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Gathering

THE BAND Lord, Be Glorified/Take My Life and Let It Be arr. S. Pethel

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, . . . whose mercy endures forever.

☑ Amen.

☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Gracious God,

☑ have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

☐ God, . . . that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. ☑ Amen.

THE HYMN OF THE MONTH Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer #618

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ The grace of . . . be with you all. ☑ And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1–10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

☐ A reading from Genesis:

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 15

Sung Antiphonally

REFRAIN (sung by choir, then by all; then at each ☑ by all)

LORD, who may a - bid e up - on your ho - ly hill?

VERSES (light=choir; bold=all)



¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart; ☩**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who | fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. ☩

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15–28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

▲ A reading from Colossians:

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

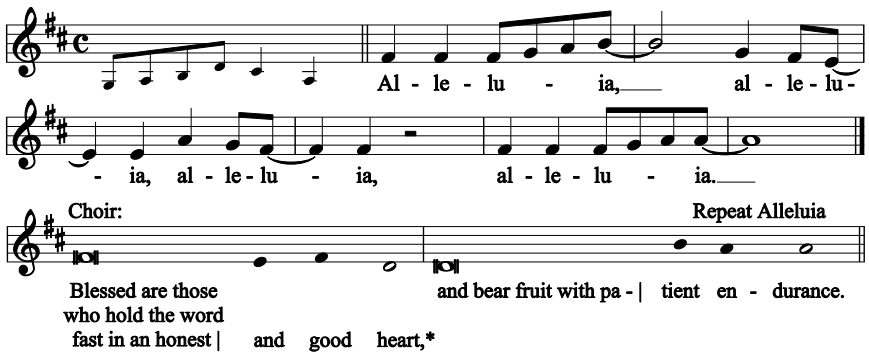
²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

A The word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Repeat Alleluia

Blessed are those who hold the word fast in an honest | and good heart,* and bear fruit with pa - | tient en - durance.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

P ³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Joseph Bourret

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus

#770

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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THE PRAYERS

A Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.***Sit*

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE CHOIR

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

Stand

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

#183

Meal

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of mercy and grace,**C** **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help
of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

P The Lord be with you.**C** **And also with you.****P** Lift up your hearts.**C** **We lift them to the Lord.****P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

P It is indeed right, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.The universe ... with every breath. **C** **We praise you, O God.****P** Generations ... into the future. **C** **We bless you, O God.****P** We give you thanks ... with us now. **C** **We thank you, O God.**

- ☩ In the night ... for the remembrance of me.
 Remembering his love ... mystery of faith:
 ☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 ☩ We pray ... without end. ☩ **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Right Column Page 173, front of hymnal

☩ **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**

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Day by Day

#790

Lord, Be Glorified

#744

Sending

Stand

THE BLESSING

- ☩ The body and blood ... keep you in his grace. ☩ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

#200

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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- ☩ Let us pray ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen**

THE PEACE

- ☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ **And also with you.**

The ministers and people exchange a sign of God's peace.

Peace be with you. ☩ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

- ☩ The Lord bless you ... and ☩ give you peace. ☩ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

- ☩ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

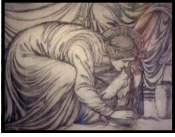
THE BAND

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. WLH

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK _____

Thursday, July 22, 2010: Mary Magdalene, Apostle



Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Friday, July 23: Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.



Sunday, July 25: James, Apostle

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

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We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at 9 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

All names on this list have been submitted within the last month.

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Karen, Donald, Maria (Pat Brown), Family & friends grieving the loss of Lorraine Carlson, Cari Walentukonis, Louis Sacco, family & friends grieving the death of Hector Montanez (Louis Sacco), John & Kristy (Leslie Marchesi), John Darrow grieving the loss of his brother-in-law, Donald Laird Sr. (Bill Hively's friend's father), grieving friends & family of Audrey Brolin—FLCR Minister of Music 1986-1995, family & friends grieving the loss of Norman Holmberg, Danielle Cummings (Bill Hively's former student, in Qatar with the Air Force), Angelina Martir, (Mae Eisenhardt's great granddaughter), Dr. Donald Rotenberg, (Ina & Donald Knapp), the Clark family (Pat Brown), the Dubois family (Pat Brown), Wayne & Dean Lord (Pat Brown), Penny Kinney (Pat Brown), Joe Pavano (Cindy Pavano), Rose Huie (Pat Brown), Rita & Keenen Black (Pat Brown), Lois Arena (Ralph Holmstrom), Lisa Viele, (Nancy Michalski), Zalewski family grieving the loss of Stanley Zalewski (Greg's Father), & the loss of Susan Krystopik (Sarah's Grandmother), Grieving friends & family of Beatrice Anderson, grieving friends & family of Andrea Prygoda, Grieving friends & family of Zelideth Dambrosia (Jessica Sierra), Ruth Robinson, Elijah Morehead on his trip overseas (Jessica Sierra), Michael Longo (Michalski Family), Kathy G. (Pat Brown), Lori (Pat Brown), Pat Hamilton (Gail Bates), Gale Anderson (Pat Brown), Julia, Craig (Pat Brown).

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