

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Musette Jean-François Dandrieu

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #302 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez a Dieu

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Today's service begins with one of the "At any Time" sentences on page 78 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book).

Morning Prayer has a number of options, but the service will generally continue forward in the book. An exception is the Prayers of the People that are later in the book, following which we return to Morning Prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Page 79 in The Book of Common Prayer.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Page 80 in The Book of Common Prayer.

One of the Antiphons on page 81, "On other Sundays and weekdays" is used.

VENITE

Page 82 in The Book of Common Prayer, read by all.

The Antiphon is repeated.

THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; * his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

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

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

Genesis 29:15-28

Then 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 for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE The Canticle will be announced, please stand as you are able, then be seated for the reading.

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE The Canticle will be announced, please stand as you are able until after the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN #530 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

He put before them 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.'

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

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed Page 96 in The Book of Common Prayer

THE PRAYERS Page 97 in The Book of Common Prayer

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*.

The Prayers of the People, the page number in The Book of Common Prayer will be announced

The Peace

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #493 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)

O for a thousand tongues to sing Azmon

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

The General Thanksgiving

Page 101 in The Book of Common Prayer.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune, called Bonduca Henry Purcell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

St. John's offers a service of Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at 12:10.

HUB (Helping Urban Bicvclists)

The HUB needs your financial support. See Deacon Steve for additional information. Donations to the HUB can be made online using GoFundMe. There is a link from the HUB's Facebook page, or you can go directly to https://www.gofundme.com/the-hub-helping-urban-bicyclists If you use Facebook, consider sharing the GoFundMe link on your page. The HUB on Facebook is www.facebook.com/STOCKTONHUB

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