



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021**

PRELUDE –MICHAEL RACINE & KYLER SCHUBKEGEL

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS – ZOOM HOST

OPENING SONG (*Please stand.*)

GOOD, GOOD FATHER

**I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone**

(Chorus)

**You're a good, good Father,
It's who you are, it's who you are,
It's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am
It's who I am**

**Oh and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word** (*Chorus*)

(Bridge)

**You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us**

**Oh this Love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still, As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love** (*Chorus*)

CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Al-migh - ty God, to you all hearts are o - pen,
 all de-sires known, and from you no secrets are hid - den. Cleanse the
 thoughts of our hearts by the in-spira-tion of your Ho-ly Spi-rit,
 that we may perfectly love you and worthily magni-fy that we may
 perfectly love you and worthi-ly mag-ni-fy your ho - ly name; through
 Christ our Lord, a - men. Through Christ our Lord, a - men.

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2. Fair are the mea-dows, fair-er still the woodlands, robed in the
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moonlight, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS (*Please be seated.*)

THE FIRST LESSON— SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

Reader: A Reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE— PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10 *Eructavit cor meum* (*Led by Celebrant; Congregation reads text in bold.*)

- ¹ My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- ² **You are the fairest of men;
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.**
- ⁷ Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- ⁸ **Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

⁹ All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

¹⁰ **Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON— JAMES 1:17-27

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,

in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
 in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. _____

THE GOSPEL—MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Please stand.)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please be seated.)

THE SERMON – JOHN HARE

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand and say together.)*

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.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /INTERCESSORY PRAYER (III)

(Please stand or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively.)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: For all who suffer from the coronavirus and all who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: Where there is racial injustice, discrimination, or violence, make us instruments of your love.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings may be added.)

Leader: In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Trinity College, Hartford.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *(Please stand or kneel.)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.) Then the Celebrant and People say:

All: 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 stands.)

Priest: *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.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

(The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE OFFERTORY

(The altar is prepared by Celebrant.)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: *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.**

Celebrant: *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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: *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.

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:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant: 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.*

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.*

*(The Celebrant receives the Sacrament and then offers Communion to those gathered in the church.
Instructions will be given by Celebrant.)*

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing the sacrament, that those to whom you go may share with us in this Holy Communion.
We, who are many, are one body, because we are all part of the Body of Christ.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (Please stand.)

O For a Thousand Tongues

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He speaks; and, lis-tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5. Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice-less ones, your loosened tongues em - ploy;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum-ble poor be - lieve.
 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6. Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above
 the Church in earth and heaven.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PREACHER TODAY

We are pleased to welcome **John Hare** for our sermon today. John Hare is Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology, Yale University. He has also worked for Tyndale Biscoe Memorial High School, Srinagar, Kashmir, India (as high school teacher), Fellowship of Universities and Schools (as teacher and counselor), Lehigh University (as assistant professor), Medical College of Pennsylvania (as teacher), House Foreign Affairs Committee (as staff), Calvin College (as associate professor), and he is a published composer of church music.

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 - The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>
 - Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer
 - The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer
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