

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TAMPA, FL**

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2020**

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Devotional Song**

*Here I Am, Lord*

by Daniel L. Schutte

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have

heard you call - ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. heart. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. heart. \_\_\_\_\_

# Opening Song

## Sing a New Song

by Daniel L. Schutte

♩ = 100

E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> G7(b9) Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>

Sing a new song un-to the Lord! Let your songs be sung from the

E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> G7(b9) Cm

moun-tains high. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, sing-ing

Fm B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> 1,2,3

A-lle-lu-u-ia! *Fine* 1. Yah -weh's peo -ple  
2. Rise, o chil -dren  
3. Glad, my soul, for

Fm B<sup>b</sup> Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>

dance for joy; o come be -fore the Lord and  
from your sleep; your the Sa -vior now has the Lord come! The  
I have seen the glo -ry of the Lord! The

E<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

play for Him on glad tan -bou -rines and let your trum -pets  
He has turned your the dead shall be raised; I know my heart with  
trum-pet sounds, the

B<sup>b</sup>

sound!  
song.  
lives!

*D.S.*

# Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 355

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

# The Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in excelsis* (in unison)**

**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 Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**

**Genesis 29:15-28**

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

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- 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!

## The Epistle Reading

## 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 Song**

*Speak, Lord, I'm Listening*

*lyrics on screen*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

*Deacon*     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.”

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Dr. Steve Clifton

*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.*

**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 (*sung*)**

*lyrics on screen*

*In the silence which follows each petition, you are welcome to add your own intercessions:  
in the silence of your heart, aloud in your home,  
or (if watching the live stream) by typing them in the chat window.*

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

BCP, 360

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon and People (in unison)*

**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.**

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Officiant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## The Offertory

*The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.*

**All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.**

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*or by postal mail to:*

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## Offertory Anthem

*Taste and See*

by James E. Moore, Jr.

*Performed by Maisie Reddy, Becky Fisher, and Steve Clifton*

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

## The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

*words on screen*

## THE SENDING FORTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**God's Blessing** (*pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.*)

## Closing Song

*Companions on the Journey*

by Carey Landry

Musical score for the closing song "Companions on the Journey" by Carey Landry. The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We are companions on the journey breaking bread and sharing life. And in the love we bear is the hope we share. For we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God. No longer strangers to each other, no longer". The score includes chord symbols (F, G, C, C7, Am, F, G7) and measure numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15).

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F G7 C C7 F G7 C F F

stran- gers in God's house. We are fed and we are nourished ----- by the

F G Am F G F C/EDm C

strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care.

C C F G7 C C7 F G7

God!----- 2. We have been gif- ted to each o- ther and we are called by the word of the

Am F G F C/EDm C F G7

God, to walk hum- bly with our God!----- We are com- pan -ions on the

C C7 F G7 C F G C F

jour-ney we break bread and shar- ing life. and the love we bear is the hope we share-----

F F G Am F G F C/EDm

for we be- lieve in the love of our God, we be- lieve in the love of our God!-----

C

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



**Please remember in your prayers:**

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