

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023



Worship is from the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the Blue Hymnal. Child Care is available in the Nursery.

Organ Prelude: I. Modal prelude *from* Three Quiet Preludes

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Entrance Hymn: As Jacob with travel was weary one day, *Jacob's Ladder*

Hymn 453

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Gloria: *Robert Jennings Powell*

Hymn S-280

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 28: 10-19a

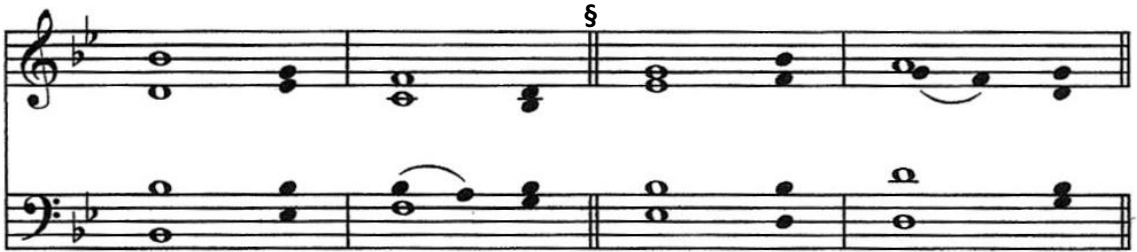
Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23; Domine, probasti

The congregation chants the Psalm to a simplified Anglican chant by Robert McCormick (b. 1978)*. (Change pitches after each | in the text).



1 Lord, you have searched me out and | known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from a- | -far.

2 You trace my journeys and my | resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my | ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my | lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it al- | -together.

4 You press upon me behind and be -| -fore *
and lay your hand up- | -on me.

5 Such knowledge is too | wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot at- | -tain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your | Spirit? *
where can I flee from your | presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are | there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there | also.

8 If I take the wings of the | morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the | sea,

9 Even there your hand will | lead me *
and your right hand hold me | fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me, *
and the light around me turn to | night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the | day; *
darkness and light to you are both a- | -like.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my | heart; *
try me and know my restless | thoughts.

§ 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in | me *
and lead me in the way that is ever- | -lasting.

§ Denotes a return to the second half of the chant.

The Second Lesson: Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

The Sequence Hymn: O what their joy and their glory must be, *O quanta qualia* *Hymn 623*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of

teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

The Sermon *The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead*

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

BCP 387

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Welcome & Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offertory: Light's abode, celestial Salem, 15th century Latin hymn, translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.; "Urbs beata Jerusalem," 13th century plainsong melody, arranged by Schola Antiqua, 1983

Offertory Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, *Old 100th*

Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus et Benedictus, *Robert J. Powell*

Hymn S-129

Agnus Dei, *Robert J. Powell*

Hymn S-163

Communion Hymn: O Day of God, draw nigh, *St. Michael,*

Hymn 601

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 366

Processional Hymn: Come, we that love the Lord, *Vineyard Haven,*

Hymn 392

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary: Grand chœur in C major, Op.68 no.4

Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

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