



The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion – July 16, 2023  
Rev Tom+ Moehl, Presider and Celebrant  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Prelude "Preludium IV" (D. Buxtehude) Susan Bevington

Opening Hymn #365 "Come Thou Almighty King"

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Collect for Purity: Presider Let us pray together*

***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.***

Gloria (sing together) Hymnal # S280

**The Collect of the Day: (Let us say together) Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

**The First Lesson is a Reading from the prophet Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord;

- **People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 86:11-17 *Inclina, Domine* (Sing together using modified Anglican chant)**

**<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**

**<sup>12</sup> I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.**

<sup>13</sup> **For great is your love toward me; \***

**you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**

<sup>14</sup> **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; \***  
**they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup> **But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \***  
**slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

<sup>16</sup> **Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \***  
**give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup> *(Second half of chant)* **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see  
it and be ashamed; \***  
**because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

## **The Second Lesson is a Reading from the Letter to the 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.***

Gospel Hymn # **811** WLP

*"You Shall Cross the Barren Desert"*

**Gospeller**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:24-30,36-43  
**People**          ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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!"

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

## The Sermon

Rev Tom Moehl

*silence for reflection*

## The Nicene Creed

***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 human.***

***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.***

## Prayers of the People – Form VI (BCP p. 392)

### The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

#### ***Silence***

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**  
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**  
For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Diana, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**  
**For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.**

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Silence, (The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People say together

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### Offertory

#### The Liturgy of the Table

#### The Offertory Sentence;

Presider: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

**Hymn of Presentation 'Doxology with Alleluias'** (sing to the tune of hymn 618)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise him above ye heavenly hosts:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling.

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

*Celebrant and People (Sing together)*

***Holy, holy, holy lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Martin, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn # 325**

“Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees”

**Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*we pray together*)

***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.***

**Prayer for St. Martin's** (*let us pray together*)

***God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.***

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelling Mercies**

**Traveling Mercies and Prayer Requests**

**Announcements**

**Pentecost Blessings**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #423**

“Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”

**Dismissal** Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**People** ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!***

**Postlude**

“Toccata in G Minor”

(J. Pachelbel)

Susan Bevington