



The Episcopal Church of St. Martin's, Lebanon, OR
14th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Ordinary Time
The Holy Eucharist ~ 25 August 2024, 10:00 am
The Rev. Deacon Keehna Sture
Fr Robert Morrison, Presider & Celebrant

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude (A time of Quiet Reflection)
Opening Hymn #372 "Praise to the Living God"

Salutation Presider

Presider Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 (say together) BCP p. 356

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day (say together)

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may
show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the First Book of the Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Lector

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the

covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 Quam dilecta (Say Responsively, Lector leading)

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

***My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***

***2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.***

***3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.***

***4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.***

***5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.***

***6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.***

***7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.***

***8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.***

***9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.***

***10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;***

***11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.***

***12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!***

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-20

Lector

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Gospel Hymn #628 *"Help Us to Learn, O Lord"*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John 6:56-69

Deacon

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

Rev Robert Morrison

The Nicene Creed

Presider

***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

PotP Reader

Reader: Gathered in the name of Jesus, and united by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, let us bring to God the cares and concerns of the world, the Church, and our own hearts.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Sean, Presiding Bishop-Elect, Diana, our Bishop, and leaders of local churches everywhere, that their lives may be congruent with the faith they profess, and that through their leadership, the whole world, one day, will be gathered together in God's loving and liberating embrace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our country and its leaders, that God's spirit of wisdom and justice may lead to decisions that promote and protect the well-being of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For a greater awareness of those who are powerless and voiceless, that we may recognize their struggles, hear their stories, and give voice to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For a greater recognition of our call to be good stewards of God's creation, that we may honor the world God has commended to our care, and work diligently to preserve and promote the wise use of its resources, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who are ill and suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that God's healing may rest upon them. We name them now in silence or aloud (*Pause*).

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend into your presence, O God, those who have died, that they may rest in your peace. We name them now in silence or aloud (*Pause*).

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People ***Amen.***

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence:

Celebrant

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

Hymn of Presentation: Doxology – (sing to the tune of Hymn #380)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People *(Say 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.**

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 blessed Mary, blessed 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.**

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say *(Say together)*

***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.
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.***

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem *(Say Together)*

***Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace***

Presider 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 and with thanksgiving

Communion Hymn *Instrumental -*

The Post-Communion Prayer *(please say together)*

Celebrant

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)*

Deacon

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
Announcements**

Presider

The Benediction

Presider

May 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, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn #565 *"He Who Would Valiant Be"*

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!