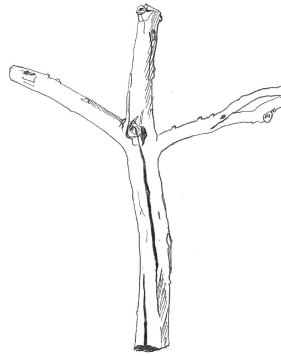


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The 8th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome and Announcements Rev. John Duff

Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

Prelude Reuben Oldejans

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; **Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**
With the lyre, and the sound of melody, **With trumpets and the sound of the horn.**
Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice; **Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**
Praise the Lord with tambourine and dance; **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.**
PRAISE THE LORD!

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, mighty Lord, we come to you, because you come to us.
By your great mercy, you come to offer us life, and life to the full.
You invite us to express our praise for you with songs in our mouths,
and with every kind of musical instrument.
You invite us to discern the whole creation praising you
Trees of the forest singing for joy, brooks gurgling,
birds of the air punctuating the sky with brilliant colours.
You have made the whole creation from stars in the sky, to flowers of the field to make together a
symphony of your great goodness.
Loosen our voices, open our hearts, set our feet to dancing,
As in this hour we celebrate your bounty and your love.
In Jesus' name. AMEN.

Hymn Seek ye first B/P 625

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Allelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Allelujah!

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God. Allelu, Allelujah!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, who made the whole creation, and called it good,
We confess in your presence that we are both wounding, and wounded in the earth.
We ask of the earth to provide, not just food for our bodies, but also gold for our ornaments, steel
for our vehicles, and energy for our comfort.
We leave gashes in the earth, places of beauty and life turned to ugly wilderness.
We are wounded in heart by the all the ways the earth once made good for us,
has been spoiled by human hands.
We are sensitive, now, to what is happening, but we don't see clearly how to make it right, right
for the creation, right for human health, and right for justice and peace.
We would dance for joy, but often we find ourselves unable to stand in the face of all that is going
wrong.
Have mercy on us, precious Lord. Bring healing to our hearts, strength to our weak knees, and
wholeness to our precious planet.

Silent Prayer

Sung Response

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

Bart Nameth

(Introduction) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Sung Response

Bless the Lord

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Prayer for Illumination Scott Innes

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament 2 Samuel 6: 1-5; 12b-19

Psalm 149

1. Praise the Lord! **Sing to the Lord a new song God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**
2. Let Israel be glad in their maker, let the children of Sion rejoice in their ruler.
3. Let them praise God's name with dancing, making melody to the Lord with tambourine and lyre.
4. **For the Lord takes pleasure in this people, and adores the humble with victory.**
5. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
6. **Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**
7. **to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,**
8. **to bind their rulers with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,**
9. **to execute on them the judgment decreed.** This is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel Mark 6: 14-29

This is the Good News.
Praise be to Christ.

Sung Response

Alleluia II

Bart Nameth

Introduction

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu -

- ia, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu -

- ia.

Sermon Miki Beldman

Silence

Hymn Lord of the Dance B/P 250

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance, and I still go on. [Refrain]

They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Silence

Sung Response

The Lord's Prayer I

Bart Nameth

Introduction

7 Our Fa-ther who art in

13 hea- ven, Hal- lowed be thy name. Thy king- dom come,

18 thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea- ven. Give us this day our

23 dai- ly bread and for- give us our debts, as we for- give our debt- ors; And

28 lead us not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the king- dom, the

pow'r and the glo- ry for- e - ver, A - men.

Hymn Now the green blade rises B/P 256

Now the green blade rise from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springing green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, Sure that He would never, never wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springing green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for these three days in the grave had lain.
Raised from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springing green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Then your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat new springing green.

Sending Forth and Benediction

Sung Response

Blessing

Introduction Bart Nameth

7 The bless-ing of the God of Sa-rah

14 as of A-bra- ham, the bless-ing of the Child born of Ma- ry, the bless-ing of the

19 Spi- rit who broods o- ver us as a mo- ther o- ver her child- ren

be with you all, A- men.

Postlude



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