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## *The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

*July 26, 2020*

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast by livestream video*

THE VOLUNTARY Variations on *Hanover*

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## THE OPENING HYMN 388, vv. 1 &amp; 4 O worship the King, all glorious above

HANOVER

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838)

Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678–1727)

## THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* 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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## THE VENITE

*The people say the words in bold, starting and ending with the antiphon.*

*Antiphon:* **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 128*

*The people say the words in bold.*

1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!

2 **You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

- 4    **The man who fears the Lord \***  
      **shall thus indeed be blessed.**
- 5    The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
      and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- 6    **May you live to see your children's children; \***  
      **may peace be upon Israel.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**  
      **and to the Holy Spirit.**
- As it was in the beginning, is now,**  
      **and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Romans 8:26–29*

*Reader*     A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

**T**he 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.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 8: THE SONG OF MOSES

*The people say the words in bold.*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
      **the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
      **the Lord has become my Savior.**

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
**the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.**

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
**they sank into the depths like a stone.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
**your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.**

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
**who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?**

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
**the earth swallowed them up.**

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
**with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.**

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
**on the mount of your possession,**

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.**

The Lord shall reign \*  
**for ever and for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52*

*Reader*      A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

**J**esus 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."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

#### CANTICLE 4: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

*The people say the words in bold.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear, \*

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest, \*

**for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;**

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*

**for the remission of their sins,**

Through the tender mercy of our God, \*

**whereby the dayspring from on high has visited us;**

To give light to them that sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death, \*

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

*Read in unison.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.  
And 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.**

### THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS AND PRAYER

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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN 488, vv. 1 &amp; 3 Be thou my vision

SLANE

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Read in unison.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;**



but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

#### THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY Homage à Gershwin: Quodlibet on *Slane*

Christa Rakich

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#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Officiant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Organist:** Christa Rakich

**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscope d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Patricia
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Seamus
Brad Babbitt	Ollie	Billy Ulrich	Deedy
Steve Chambers	Nancy Eaton	Carlos Diaz	Beverly
Buffy Ineson	CJ	Katie	Maureen Carrol
Barbara			

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Richard Blum	Kali Harrington
Brad Babbitt	Elizabeth Proteau
Julia Foust	Michael Mei
David Kvam	Strother Cech
John Wilcox	

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Carolyn and Stanley Giliberto  
Lyn Walker and Tyler Smith  
Susan and Brad Thomas

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ Church, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; and for parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, and missional curacies.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now. Please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.