

# Church of the Messiah

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 31, 2022

8:30 and 10 o'clock in the morning

Prelude

“Canon in Octave”

by *Henry R. Dunham*  
(1853-1929)

Opening Hymn 594

“God of grace and God of glory”

*Cwm Rhondda*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### Collect for Purity

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*

*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.*

### Collect of the day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair

concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 49:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

<sup>2</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>3</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>4</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>5</sup>The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?

<sup>6</sup>We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;

<sup>7</sup>For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

<sup>8</sup>In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.

<sup>9</sup>For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

<sup>10</sup>Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

<sup>11</sup>Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

## **Second Reading: Second Reading: is from the Lambeth Conference 2022, a selection from the LAMBETH CALL: on HUMAN DIGNITY**

### 1 Declaration

1.1 Within God's good gift of creation (Gen. 1:31), humanity, male and female, is made in God's image and blessed by God's care and love (Gen. 1.26-28). This gives all human beings a dignity that cannot be taken away. "Whenever we face another, we see a reflection of God's infinite love and glory."

1.2 It is in Christ's mission that we know the grace of God and God's faithful love for every human being (Jn 3:16; Col. 1:15–20; Rom. 5:18–19; 1 Cor. 15:22; 2 Cor. 5:14–17; I Pt. 2:9). Humanity is offered new birth into a living hope through Christ's resurrection (1 Pt.1:3; 2 Pt. 1:14). As God's image-bearers, human beings are called to love God and to love each other (1 Jn. 4:11).

1.3 The wonderful diversity of God's creation is echoed in the diversity of human beings. Every human being is "a unique and deep mystery of inestimable value and dignity". This diversity among human beings and in all creation is good and beautiful. It can also be a source of tension and conflict, as shown in the story of the Tower of Babel. Pentecost - and the vision of Revelation 7:9 – show how diversity is a good gift from God when, in the unifying power of the Holy Spirit, it is used in God's service and for the good of one another.

1.4 Only Christ is the perfect image of God (Jn. 10:30). All human beings turn away from God's love and mar God's image. We sin. Respecting, honouring, and preserving the dignity of each human being involves acknowledgment of sin, repentance, and forgiveness. It is in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that the full potential of the human person is seen. It is in the gift of rebirth (Jn. 3:3) and renewed identity that the church, the body of Christ, is united. As a people redeemed by Christ, the Church is called to bear God's image, to be the body of Christ on earth (1 Pt. 3.9-10; Galatians 3.28).

1.5 Therefore, the church catholic declares that life is sacred and all persons are worthy of respect and worthy of conditions that make for life in all its fullness. From such holy standards there can be no faithful dissent.

## 2 Affirmation

We are fellow-workers with God (1 Cor. 3:9) called to protect the gift of human life and the dignity of all human beings. As Jesus washed the feet of both his denier and betrayer, we are called to follow his example (Jn. 13:12–17, 34–35). We are called to love one another.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*             ***Thanks be to God.***

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,  
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,  
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit  
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they  
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;  
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;  
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.  
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.  
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

Celebrant **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**  
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

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 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.*

## Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, children of God, let us come before the Most High with humility, saying, “Great and holy God, *incline your ear to us.*”

Set our minds on things divine, O God, that your Church may guard itself against the love of earthly things and instead be rich toward you.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
***Incline your ear to us.***

May all who dwell in the world, those of both high degree and low, incline their hearts to wisdom and meditate on understanding.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
***Incline your ear to us.***

Give us grace to be wise and generous stewards, O God. Open our eyes to see your abundance and our reliance.

*Invite the congregation to add prayers of thanksgiving, followed by silence*

Great and holy God,  
***Incline your ear to us.***

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Bless all those to whom we are connected. May we value our relationships more than our possessions. May we realize that in Christ all human distinctions cease to matter. We pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
***Incline your ear to us.***

Comfort and heal all those who are in pain or sorrow or any kind of trouble. May we, who have known sorrow, pain, and trouble, show them mercy and compassion and remind them of the hope we have in Christ.

*Invite the congregation to add intercessions, followed by silence*

Great and holy God,  
***Incline your ear to us.***

We acknowledge our mortality before you, Everlasting God, and we rejoice in the hope of being raised with your Christ. We remember before you the lives of our forebears; may they find, in you, rest from their labors.

*Silence*

Great and holy God,  
***Incline your ear to us.***

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

*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.*

## Absolution

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. **Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

## Greeting

## Offertory Anthem

“To God on high be thanks and praise”

by *Nicolaus Decius*  
(d.1541)

~ arranged by *K. K. Davis*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks  
and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and  
gracious God,  
source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the  
creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far  
away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and  
Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through  
eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing  
(say):

**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.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:

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

***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.***

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. AMEN.

Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching Our Worship*,  
Church Publishing Incorporated, 1998, pp. 60-63.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion  
from *the South African Book of Common  
Prayer (1989)***

*Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.  
May your body and blood be my food and drink.  
May your passion and death be my strength and life.  
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.  
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.  
Let me not run from the love which you offer  
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.  
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.  
Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with  
your saints,  
I may praise you for ever. Amen.*

(from *the South African Book of Common Prayer*  
1989. (recited by prisoners who were unable to receive  
communion during Apartheid)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion of the People**

*All are invited to receive Communion. Due to the ongoing epidemic of COVID-19 we invite people to keep some distance from each other. As you come forward to receive the consecrated elements, the body and blood of Christ, at this stage you may choose to receive the host (consecrated bread), and the consecrated wine, either by sipping from the Common Cup (larger chalice) or by 'intincting' (dipping the tip of your consecrated bread into the wine) in the smaller chalice. You may also choose to receive only the consecrated bread.*

## **Communion Music**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion**

*Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen*

*Enriching Our Worship,  
Church Publishing Incorporated, 1998, pp. 70*

## **Benediction**

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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

Postlude

"March"

by *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*  
(c. 1636-1704)

*Please remain seated for the Postlude*

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**LITURGICAL LEADERS**

|                           |                  |   |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| Celebrant and Preacher    |                  | The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain                                |
| Organist                  |                  | Brittany Lord   |
| Offertory Anthem          |                  | Members of the Church of the<br>Messiah Choir           |
| Lay Eucharistic Ministers | 8:30 AM<br>10 AM | Carol Wagner<br>John Vose                               |
| Lectors                   | 8:30 AM<br>10 AM | Steve Wagner<br>Terry Soares, Mary Swope                |
| Prayers of the People     | 8:30 AM<br>10 AM | Paul Evans<br>Jennifer Gaines                           |
| Ushers                    | 8:30 AM<br>10 AM | Steve Wagner<br>Jennifer Gaines, Mike Garfield          |
| Technology                | 10 AM            | Brittany Lord, Helen Gordon<br>Jean Taft, Dicky Allison |
| Altar Guild               |                  | Tammy Amon, Jennifer Gaines                             |

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