



*All things work together  
for good.*

Rom 8:28

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Liturgy of the Word and Homily  
26 July 2020 9:30 AM**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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**

### **The Collect**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. 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**

### **The First Lesson**

### **Romans 8:26-39**

The 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. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*

**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him, \* **and speak of all his marvelous works.**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \* **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

<sup>4</sup> Search for the Lord and his strength; \* **continually seek his face.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels he has done, \*

**his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham his servant, \* **O children of Jacob his chosen.**

<sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God; \* his judgments prevail in all the world.

<sup>8</sup> He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*

**the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

<sup>9</sup> The covenant he made with Abraham, \* **the oath that he swore to Isaac,**

<sup>10</sup> Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*

**an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

<sup>11</sup> Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
**to be your allotted inheritance."** <sup>45b</sup> **Hallelujah!**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew .*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus 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.” *The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

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 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

*Presider:* Just as the Spirit intercedes with deep sighs, let us turn our hearts to the will of God and offer prayers for all peoples.:

*Intercessor(s):* For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. **Lord, have mercy.**

For mercy, justice, and peace in the world. **Lord, have mercy.**

For farmers and a good harvest, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and captives, and for their families. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed James, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Presider* God of infinite wisdom, who searches the heart of every one, hear the prayers we offer you this day and gather us into the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept for a while.* **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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with 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.**

The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future fill you with his new life and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**