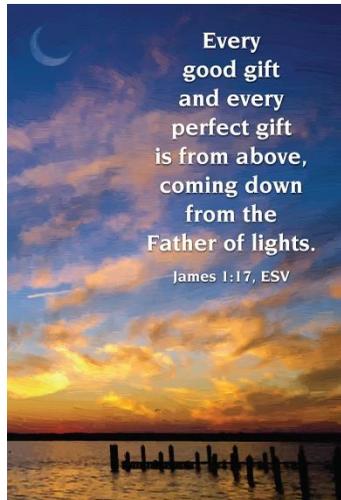


August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

Ministry of the Word



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #461 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Text by George Duffield, Jr.

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| <p>1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
you soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory on to victory,
his army he shall lead
till evil is defeated,
and Christ is Lord indeed.</p> <p>2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
then join the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Be strong in faith and serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.</p> | <p>3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his power alone,
for human might will fail you—
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
keep watch with constant prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never failing there.</p> <p>4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The fight will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor’s song.
To everyone who conquers,
a crown of life shall be;
we, with the king of glory,
shall reign eternally.</p> |
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Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **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.

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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

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Compassionate God, you touch those rejected by the world and those despised by false piety: guide us away from a false purity which hides misshapen hearts; and lead us to the joyful feast in which all are renewed; through Jesus Christ, the beauty of God's face. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Reader A reading from the Song of Solomon.

⁸ The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
 and the vines are in blossom;
 they give forth fragrance.
 Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away . . .”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45:1–2,7–10

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- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men;
 grace flows from your lips,
 because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,
 a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom;
 you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
 with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
 and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings’ daughters stand among the ladies of the court;
 on your right hand is the queen,
 adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

James 1:17–27

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In

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fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 7:1–8,14–15,21–23

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the

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tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹“ . . . For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo: “Teach Me, My God and King”

Text by George Herbert. Music by William Walter

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts*Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.****Doxology***Celebrant* Glory to God,*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.****Blessing****Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Closing Hymn #393 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Text by Walter Chalmers Smith**

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| <p>1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessèd, most glorious, the
Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.</p> <p>2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.</p> | <p>3 To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree,
and wither and perish, but nought
changeth thee.</p> <p>4 Great Source of all glory and wisdom and
light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to
see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth
thee.</p> |
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
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<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1.2,7-10 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10,14-17 Mark 7:24-37</p>
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