

# 8:00AM DIVINE SERVICE 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

19 July 2020

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#### **AS WE GATHER**

Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God's field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord's time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure. When Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God.

**PRELUDE** "Saved by Grace"

arr. George C. Stebbins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** 

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#### INTROIT

Psalm 86:11–15, antiphon v. 6

<sup>11</sup>Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

and I will glorify Your name forever.
<sup>13</sup> For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
<sup>14</sup> O God, insolent men have risen up against me;

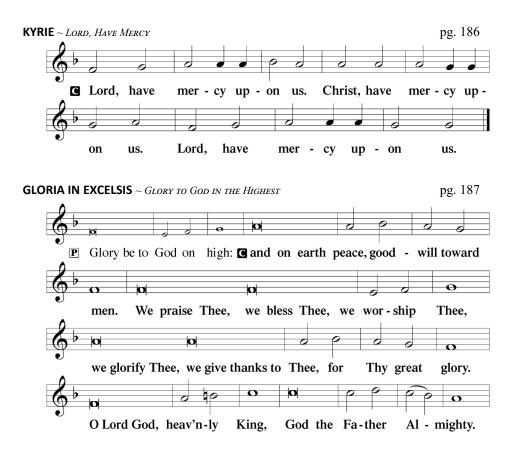
a band of ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set You before them.

<sup>15</sup>But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

#### Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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▶ Let us pray...O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### **OLD TESTATMENT READING** (Is there a God besides the Lord?) Isa

Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before Me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
<sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are My witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM

Psalm 119:57-64; antiphon: v. 89

<sup>57</sup>The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.

<sup>58</sup>I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.

<sup>59</sup>When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies;

<sup>60</sup>I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.

<sup>61</sup>Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget Your law.

<sup>62</sup>At midnight I rise to praise You, because of Your just and righteous decrees.

<sup>63</sup>I am a companion of all who fear You, of those who keep Your precepts.

<sup>64</sup>The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

<sup>89</sup>Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Romans 8:18-27

# (The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.)

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

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Matthew 13:35b

Alleluia.
 I will open My mouth in parables;
 I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.
 Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Stand) (Then the righteous shall shine like the sun.) Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

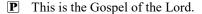


<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup>He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in

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bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

<sup>36</sup>Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.





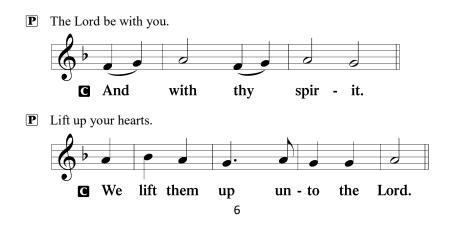
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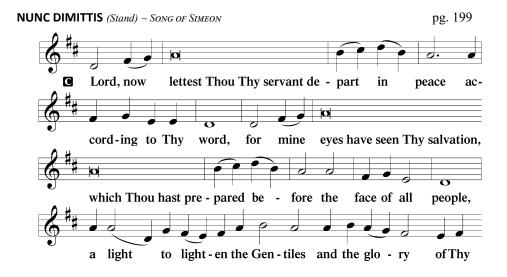
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





**DISTRIBUTION** (Sit)

"Now, My Tongue the Mystery Telling"	# 630 # 631
"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"	





## THANKSGIVING AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



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**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Bless we the Lord.



## BENEDICTION

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and -H give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN** "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation" sts. 1-2, 4, # 659

**POSTLUDE** — FOUNDATION

arr. Charles Callahan

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