



**8:00AM**  
**DIVINE SERVICE**

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8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
26 July 2020

*(Please register your presence with us by filling out  
one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you  
and giving it to the usher or placing into the offering plate.)*

**AS WE GATHER**

Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

**PRELUDE** *"In the Silence of this Moment"*

Franklin Ritter

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

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✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

**INTROIT**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;  
make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
 tell of all His wondrous works!  
 Glory in His holy name;  
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
 Seek the LORD and His strength;  
 seek His presence continually!  
 Remember the wondrous works that He has done,  
 His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,  
 O offspring of Abraham, His servant,  
 children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

**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.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;  
 make known His deeds among the peoples!

**KYRIE** ~ LORD, HAVE MERCY

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

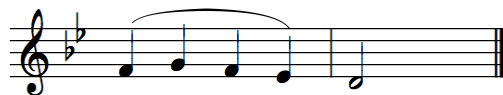
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men. (Sit)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

*(Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)*

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalms 125: antiphon: v. 2

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds His people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!

**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>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds His people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**EPISTLE**

Romans 8:28-39

*(Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.)*

<sup>28</sup> We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup>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 among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE**

Matthew 13:35b

**L** “I will open my mouth in parables;  
I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

**GOSPEL** (*Stand*) (*The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure*) Matthew 13:44-52

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And

He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*From God Can Nothing Move Me*”

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**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**BENEDICTION**

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**P** 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 give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN** “*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*”

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**POSTLUDE** – *AURELIA*

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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