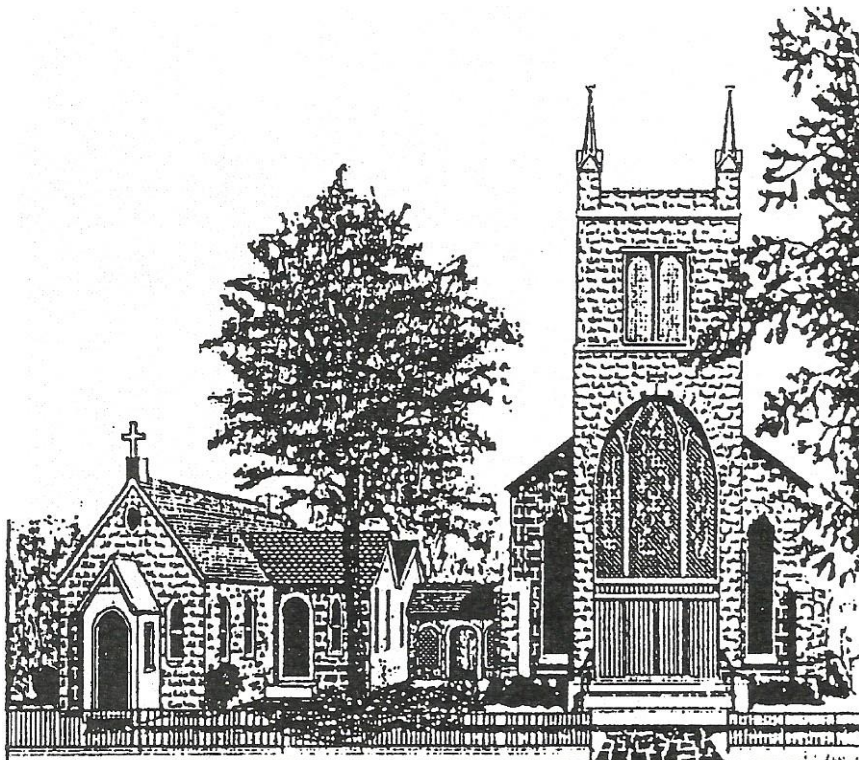


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The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 23, 2023  
Holy Eucharist-Rite II  
10:30 a.m.

Please make sure all phones and other electronic devices are turned off prior to the service.

Hymns and service music can be found in the following resources:

S - in the front of the Hymnal

H - in the Hymnal

W - in Wonder, Love, & Praise (on the end of each row)

L - in Lift Every Voice (on the end of each row)



We have returned to the use of the common cup during communion with both Christ's Body & Blood. You may choose to sip from the cup or intinct (dip) the host. Following the teaching of our Episcopal tradition, all persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. You may choose to receive only the host at this time.

We welcome The Rev. Jim Robertson back to our services today. Fr. Jim is from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and currently lives in Wilmington, DE.

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Organ Prelude** *Chorale Prelude on Vater unser im Himmelreich*  
[Our Father in Heaven] Georg Böhm

**Processional Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* H-423  
ST. DENIO

**Opening Salutation** BCP-355  
**The Collect for Purity** BCP-355  
**Gloria in Excelsis** Setting by Robert Powell S-280

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Old Testament** **Genesis 28:10-19a**

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the

Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

*Spoken Responsively*

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

*2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

*4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.*

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

*6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?*

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

*8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

*10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"*

11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

*22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.*

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## The New Testament

Romans 8:12-25

**Reader:** A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in

hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* H-513

BRIDEGROOM

The Gospel *Please stand* Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People: Glory to You Lord Christ*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done

this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to You Lord Christ*

Sermon

The Rev. James Robertson

The Nicene Creed

BCP-358

Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP-392



The Peace  
Announcements

BCP-360

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo                      *Search Me, O God*                      Antonin Dvorak

Presentation:                      H-380 (v. 3)                      OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A                      BCP-361

Sanctus (sung)                      Setting by Robert Powell S-129

Acclamation                      Setting by William Clisham



Amen                      Setting by McNeil Robinson II S-146

The Lord's Prayer                      BCP-364

The Breaking of the Bread                      BCP-364

Fraction Anthems

Christ Our Passover                      David Hurd                      S-154

*Agnus Dei*                      David Hurd                      S-161

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.*





We have many weeks open for Altar Flower dedications, starting in August. If we do not have dedications for a week, we will not have altar flowers. Please contact the office if you would like to place flowers on the altar one Sunday. You can place them in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something, or 'just because'. The cost is \$50 for the 2 arrangements. We can also place a second set at the chancel steps if 2 families want the same day. Please indicate on your check or cash that it is for "Altar Flowers" and how you want the dedication to read in the bulletin. Thanks.

**Parish Prayer List**

Helen	Frances	Suzanne	Judy	Bill	Amy
George	Janice	Jim	Evan	Sally	Carol
Rich	Brenda	Joel	George	Jim	Gail
Karen	Eric	Francine	Joseph	Elaine	Julie
Joseph	Pat	Michele	Anna	Margaret	Emma
The Kamera Family	Andrew & Judy		Bill		John
Mother Antoinette	Liz		Robbie & Stan		Joan

**Our military:** Christine, Marlene, Joseph, Michael, Chris, David, Tyler, and Patrick

We appreciate the Participants in Today's Service:

**Preaching & Presiding**

The Rev. James Robertson

**Assisting**

The Rev. Sally Maurer, Deacon

**Celebrants**

The People of St. John's

**Minister of Music**

Bill Clisham

**Cantor**

Quinton Lewis

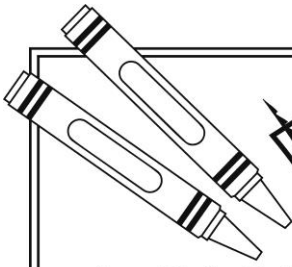
**Lector**

Ron Magill

**Acolytes**

## This Week's Parish Calendar

- Sun. 7/23**      **The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Fr. Jim Robertson, Celebrant  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist; Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Fellowship Hour
- Mon. 7/24**      1:00-3:00 pm SCOOA Matter of Balance class
- Tue. 7/25**      8:00 am Yoga  
7:00 pm N.A.
- Wed. 7/26**      Noon Noonday Prayer  
1:00 pm MAC-Parish Hall  
8:00 pm AA
- Thu. 7/27**      8:00 Yoga  
1:00-3:00 pm SCOOA Matter of Balance class
- Sat. 7/29**      8:00-9:00 am Yoga
- Sun. 7/30**      **The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
Fr. Jim Robertson, Celebrant  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Fellowship Hour



# PUZZLE

## A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

*Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:** sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
3. To plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
4. Sharp part of a plant . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is harvested. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
6. To dry up and shrivel . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
7. Person who plants . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
8. The earth a plant grows in. . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

“But the \_\_\_\_\_<sub>2</sub> falling on good \_\_\_\_\_<sub>8</sub> refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a \_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub>, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was \_\_\_\_\_<sub>3</sub> n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil; seed, soil, crop, sow



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