# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

#### **ABOUT US**

We're so glad you're with us today. We're a **Christian Church**: we believe Jesus is our Lord & Savior and the Bible is God's Word for us. We're an **Episcopal Church** in the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin which is part of the **Anglican Communion** dating back to the first Christians in England in the 2nd century A.D.

Our Mission is helping everyone become who God created them to be.

#### **WELCOME**

If this is your first time here we'd love to say Thanks or answer any questions. You can call/text our pastor, Father Joel at (262) 725-2691 or email: pastor@stbartspewaukee.com.

#### **OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Everything you need today is in this bulletin. Our worship is a "liturgy" with two parts: **THE WORD OF GOD** and **THE HOLY COMMUNION** which all baptized Christians are welcome to receive, including children.

#### **KIDS**

**Children are always welcome** in the Sanctuary for the entire service (we don't mind babies behaving like babies).

**Children's Chapel** is available for kids Pre-K through Elementary. They will follow the Teacher to the classroom in the south hallway at *The Collect of the Day*. They will return at *The Peace*.



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#### The Hymnal 1982

The blue hymnal found in the pew racks is the collection of hymns, tunes, and service music authorized for use in the Episcopal Church. The Hymnal is a companion for the Book of Common Prayer, supporting the Lectionary and the Calendar. It includes service music and 720 hymns. The Hymnal is strongly founded on congregational singing.

This summer we are going to sing the hymns that are in the hymnal from the hymnal. All other music will continue to have the lyrics for all other music in the printed worship bulletin.

If you are new to The Hymnal: hymn numbers are found in bold in the hymnal. The first quarter of the book is service music, such as the Song of Praise and the Sanctus that we sing every Sunday. Service music has an "S" in front of the number. Hymns comprise the rest of the hymnal, bold numbers 1 - 720. There are no page numbers. Look for the hymn by its number, not its name.

## Opening Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory Blue Hymnal 594

#### The Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant: 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.** 

## Song of Praise: Glory to God

Blue Hymnal S280

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

<sup>\*</sup>A short prayer to unify, or "collect", our intentions for worship. It typically indicates the theme of the day.

#### Children's Chapel

At this time kids Pre-K through Elementary are invited to come to the front for a blessing and then follow the Teacher to Children's Chapel.

#### The Lessons (please be seated)

#### A reading from the Prophet Hosea (11:1-11)

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 107:1-9, 43

The Psalms were originally written to be sung. These poems and prayers have been the foundation of worship for Jews and Christians for 3,000 years, and Jesus prayed and sang the psalms regularly.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \* and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed pro<u>claim</u> \* that he redeemed them from the hand of the <u>foe</u>.

He gathered them out of the <u>lands</u>; \* from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; \* they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; \* their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \* and he delivered them from their distress.

He put their feet on a straight path \* to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \* and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty \* and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \* and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

#### A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians (3:1-11)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### The Gradual Hymn\*: In Christ There is No East or West Blue Hymnal 529

Please stand as you are able. \*This is a song to prepare us to hear Jesus' words. Its ancient name is from the Latin "gradus", the place it was sung in Church.

Verse 1

In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

The Gospel (means "Good News")

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel + of our Lord Jesus Christ + according to Luke + (12:13-21)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

+ You may make a small + Cross with your thumb over your mind, lips, and heart.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, `Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Verse 2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

The Sermon Fr. Joel Prather

#### The Nicene Creed (please stand and pray together)

The Nicene Creed in this bulletin is slightly different than what you may be used to. This is because the Episcopal Church restored the original language of the Nicene Creed which was shared by all Christians until the 6th Century.

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, (you may bow down here) was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. (you may rise)

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. (\* means universal)

We acknowledge one baptism for the foregiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection+ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+ you may make the Sign of the Cross here to acknowledge the hope that you will be resurrected

#### The Prayers of the People

The Reader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, let us pray to the Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

#### Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our President, Tony our Governor, Paul our County Executive, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the first inhabitants of Pewaukee: we honor the Potawatomi people, as well as the Oneida people who brought the Episcopal Church to Wisconsin. Help us to be instruments of your peace and justice, we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, prisoners, the unemployed, and those in any need. Remembering especially those on our prayer list...

We also pray for our ministry partners:

- Arlo and Ashtyn's Hope (Canavan's Disease)
- Fr. Andrew and Amazing Grace AIDS Ministry (Malawi)
- Pastor David and Breaking The Chains Church (Felmers O. Cheney Correctional Center, Milwaukee)
- Joe and Family Promise of Waukesha County
- Our Karén Refugee Families and their Beautiful Garden
- Dave, Judy, and the Pewaukee Food Pantry
- Fr. Daudi and Olivia in Tanzania
- Bill and our Veterans and Families Groups
- Sharon and our Waukesha County Affordable Housing Coalition

...we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Bartholomew and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

#### To you, O Lord our God.

Brief Silence

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

#### The Absolution

The Peace (All stand.)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition, not only in the words of Jesus, but also in the practices of the Christian community. As you are comfortable, you are welcome to shake hands when we pass the peace. Please respect those that are not comfortable with hand shaking. A simple nod or the peace sign is also a meaningful way to share the peace of Christ.

#### Announcements

Be sure to sign-up for our eNews using the Welcome! card in your pew rack or at our website. We also encourage you to follow us on our YouTube, Facebook and/or Instagram accounts to stay up-to-date and hit "Share" to let your friends see what's happening.

#### The Offertory

God tells us in the Bible, no one should feel pressured about giving (2 Corinthians 9:7). Please be at peace about what you choose to do or not to do. The most important offering God wants from us is our life & our hearts. You can place an offering in the basket passed by the ushers or in the wooden box marked Donations near the exit of the Church.

## Offertory Hymn: Many Are the Light Beams

Many are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus. Many are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus. Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus. Many are the gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus. Many ways to serve God, the spirit is one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus. Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

People:

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(The Celebrant reads a Preface of the Lord's Day - a variable portion of the text of our Eucharistic Prayer that plays an important role in aligning our worship with the theme of a particular occasion or season.)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Blue Hymnal S131

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all

your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

#### The Lord's Prayer

Together

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.\* Alleluia

(\*1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

#### Agnus Dei

(The Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God.", is based on John 1:29, and is used in the celebration of the eucharist at the breaking of the bread. Say together.)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Invitation to Spiritual Communion for livestream worshippers -** a personal devotional that anyone can pray to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in circumstances which prevent them from actually receiving communion. The prayer will be displayed on the screen.

#### About Communion at St. Bartholomew's

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us, including children. If this doesn't describe where you're at, you are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing which you can indicate by crossing your hands over your heart. Or feel free to stay in your seat to pray or reflect.

Please come to the rail in front of the altar to receive the Bread and Wine. We have Gluten free Communion Bread for those who desire it. We use alcoholic wine. Bread will be served to you as you stand or kneel. Small cups of wine will be presented to you. Take a cup of wine. As you leave, place the empty cup in the bowl near the end of the first pew and return to your seat. Thank you.

If you need Communion brought to you just let one of our Ushers know.

Prayer Ministry is offered confidentially during the Eucharist in the side chapel. Let us pray for all those in need; for yourself, family, or friends. You may also be anointed with oil for healing as the Bible teaches (James 5:14). We do so by making a small sign of the Cross upon one's forehead. All are welcome.

#### **Communion Song 1: Stronger**

There is Love, that came for us.

Humbled to a sinner's cross.

You broke my shame, and sinfulness,

You rose again, victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny.

Through the storm and through the fire.

There is truth that sets me free.

Jesus Christ who lives in me!

[Chorus]

You are stronger. You are stronger. Sin is broken, you have saved me. It is written, Christ is risen!
Jesus you are Lord of all!

No beginning and no end.
You're my hope and my defense.
You came to seek, and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross.

[Chorus]

[Bridge - sing 4 times]
So let your name be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher.

[Chorus - sing 2 times]

#### Communion Song 2: Great Are You Lord

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken

And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only. (Repeat)

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

"Great are You, Lord!" (Repeat)

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only. (Repeat)

#### **Prayers After Communion**

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to God

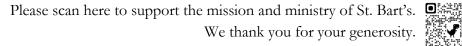
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#### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. People:

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall.







# A Teaching from our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter The Diocese of Wisconsin

# The Nicene Creed: Some Questions & Answers on the 1700th Anniversary

Part 2: Wasn't the message of Jesus about what to do and how to be rather than what to believe. Why does the Creed focus on the latter?

The short answer to this question is that the life and teachings of Jesus were not in dispute. The early church already took the teaching and example of Jesus seriously.

They were contained in the scriptures, which were already read in worship every week. The church put love and compassion at the heart of its life and teaching. It organized social services for the poor, hungry, and needy. It founded hospitals. Its teaching reflected the example of Jesus in critiquing wealth and violence. It advocated for hospitality to the stranger and foreigner. The dignity of traditionally marginalized groups like women, children, and the poor was honored in a way unprecedented in the ancient world (though, admittedly, the church did not embrace total equality of women and men). The church surely did not practice all of this perfectly, always, and everywhere. But none of the above was particularly controversial. It was the emphatic teaching of the theologians most often identified with the defense of the Nicene faith, e.g., Athanasius of Alexandria, Macrina the Younger, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, and others. And these teachers understood that the practice of the church is grounded in its belief.

Not everything that was decided by the Council of Nicaea is in the Creed. The Council also addressed issues of church organization and discipline, including penalties for clergy guilty of sensual sin (Canon 2) or greed and usury (Canon 17). Canon 12, reflecting the church's commitment to peace, established penance for those who "having cast aside their military girdles, but afterwards returned, like dogs, to their own vomit." Canon 17 did address a disputed question: to what extent were mercy and forgiveness possible for those who had denied their faith during a recent persecution? Imitating Jesus, the canon declared such people should be "dealt with mercifully."

But those canons did not address the controversy that had led to the calling of the Council of Nicaea. The debate roiling the church was not about Jesus' moral teachings,

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but rather who Jesus was and how he was related to God, whom he called Father. And, with that, questions about the basic understanding of God. The answer to that question had implications for the salvation of humanity and the restoration of creation. The answer to that question also has implications for why the teaching and example of Jesus should matter more than any other human teacher.

**COMING NEXT WEEK:** Can't we just "love God and neighbor" without doctrine? Stay tuned . . .

If you missed the previous teachings, you can read it in the Bulletins that are posted on the St. Bart's website at **stbartspewaukee.com/livestream/service-bulletin** or on the Diocese of Wisconsin website at **diowis.org/bishop-teachings/nicenecreed1700anniversary** 

#### **BECOMING A MEMBER AT ST. BART'S**

You can become a Member any Sunday.

#### What does it mean to be a Member of the Church?

- Make it official.
- Participate in worship, in-person and/or online, more often than you don't.
- 3. Connect with other Members.
- 4. Serve.
- Give.

Membership Starts With Baptism
TALK WITH FR. JOEL TODAY!