

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 2023
10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome
Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the
back of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children are invited to return to their families and be seated.

The Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter 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.**



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier

Alleluia

Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, ©1984, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Preacher 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!"

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Please be seated

Homily

The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Sacred Silence

During this time we invite you to reflect, meditate pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

Please remain standing.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; we pray for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Aidan's Tulsa, Church of the Holy Cross, Owasso, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Father Joseph, Father Tony, Deacon Karen, and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

For those with medical issues and other needs or concerns: *Manuel Estrada, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, The Foutch Family, The Vanek Family, Shary Weis, Gale Wilkerson, Bill Landis, Reggie Ekins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Greg, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Cynthia Briscoe, Timothy, Whitney, Jill Sanders, Angela & Ron Cochran, Robin Gibson, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Francisco Ramos Hernandez, Clarissa Blackburn, Thomas Cowley, Dee, Kathy Close, Maxine Grayson, Will Havins, Sandy Crockett, Pam Overby, Chelsea Carter, Amy, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Scott Mills, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg.*

For those in the military: *Nathaniel Griner, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf*, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Robin Gibson, Andrew Monroe, Angela Davis, Charlotte Cascio, Eric Chamberlain, Riley Current, Jim Emig, Hannah Lembke, Steven Blair.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Deaths: *Leonard Cayton, Charlie Spencer, and Brandon Robertson*

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them
Who put their trust in you.

Please kneel.

Confession of Sin

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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. – Ephesians 5:2

During the “Offering in Song,” please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to “bit.ly/GiveSAC” in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.

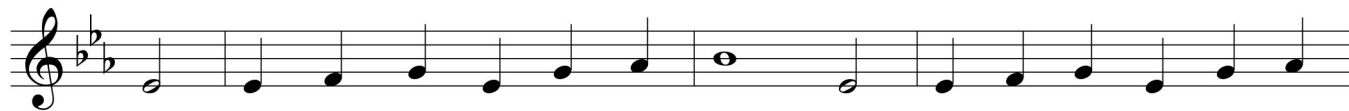
Offering in Song: “Holy Forever”

Chris Tomlin

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation Song: “Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be -



low; O praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise! Praise the Fath-er, praise the



Son! and praise the Spir - it: Three in One! O praise Him, O



praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Please remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer: Form F

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider The Lord be with you
People **and also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider You are worthy of our thanks and praise
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your Word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

*Presider
& People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendor and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

People **Amen. Lord, we believe!**

Presider Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
and we long for his coming in glory.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Presider As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

People **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

Presider Look with favor on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

People **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!**

Presider Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with (*NN.* and) all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider 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.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Altar Prayer

After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Candle Lighting

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other needs you may have; light a candle, and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.

Communion Meditation: "Lord, Listen to Your Children"

Ken Medema

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand or kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

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.

Please stand.

Blessing

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”

Gordon Young

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday July 23, 2023, 10:45 A.M. – The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Presider: The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Lector: Valerie Lewis

Crucifer: Sergio Martinez

Eucharistic Assistants: Claudia Rios-Estrada, Sara & Jay Kyte

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard

Organist: Patrick Hays

Oblation Bearers: Karen & Michael Johnston

Greeters: Renee Lewis and Jim Snelling

Usher: Victor Rios and Jason Seabolt

Altar Guild: Marsha Tygret and Claudia Rios-Estrada

Camera Crew: Josh Eliot and Bri McGhee

Sound: Eric Brinley

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

There are two similarly sounding liturgical words that have quite different meanings: ablution and oblation. An ablution is a washing of part of the body. A spiritual ablution occurs at baptism (a washing away of sins) or during the foot washing on Maundy Thursday. In the mass, ablutions refer to when the priest washes the sacred dishes with wine and holy water after the elements have been consumed. Ablutions should be distinguished from the lavabo when the priest washes his/her hands with holy water prior to the Eucharist. Contrariwise, an oblation is any offering to God. In the primitive church, communicants brought bread and wine from their homes. These oblations were placed by the communicants on the altar at the deacon's bidding. Those elements not used in the Eucharist were distributed to the poor. This custom ceased in the 12th -13th centuries. At St. Augustine's, two oblationers carry bread and wine to the priest as a symbolic offering by all of God's people. In the Eucharistic prayer, oblation refers to the priest's ceremonial offering of the bread and wine - i.e. "offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup..."

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

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