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**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

July 23, 2023 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book), found online at <https://bcponline.org>.
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the Hymnal 1982.*

ORGAN PRELUDE Prelude on ST. MARTIN'S ("Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove")..... Mark Fax (1911-1974)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise ST. DENIO

The liturgy continues on page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO Hymn 421 ALLEIN GOTT

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 FIRST LESSONIsaiah 44:6-8

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.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

METRICAL PSALM 86:11-17Tune: ST. THOMAS [WILLIAMS] (Hymn #411)

1. Teach me your way, O Lord,
And I will keep your law;
O knit my heart to you that I
May hold your Name in awe.

2. With all my heart, O Lord,
I praise your Name today;
For in your love you saved me from
The power of the grave.

3. A band of violent men:
The arrogant arise;
They seek my life, they have not set
The Lord before their eyes.

4. You, Lord, are slow to wrath,
Compassionate and true;
Turn to me and be merciful,
Give me your strength anew.

5. Show me your favor now,
That those who hate may see
And be ashamed because you, Lord,
Have helped and strengthened me.

THE EPISTLERomans 8:12-25

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.

HYMN 589 Almighty God, your word is cast..... **ST. ANNE**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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!"

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED.....Prayer Book, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV.....	Prayer Book, page 388
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THE PEACE	
THE HOLY COMMUNION	
HYMN 693	Just as I am, without one plea..... WOODWORTH
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – PRAYER B.....	Prayer Book, page 367
SANCTUS S-125.....	Richard Proulx, <i>A Community Mass</i>
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AT THE ADMINISTRATION	
HYMN 593	Lord, make us servants of your peace DICKINSON COLLEGE
HYMN 344	Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing..... SICILIAN MARINERS
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	Prayer Book, page 365
THE BLESSING	
THE DISMISSAL	
HYMN 665	All my hope on God is founded MICHAEL
ORGAN POSTLUDE.....	Prelude on ST. ANNE Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

*The flowers on the high altar this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joan and Harry Fowle by Melissa Fowle.*

“In the 1549 Prayer Book, today’s collect is one of six ‘Collects to be said after the Offertory when there is no Communion, every such day one.’ These were provided on days when the liturgy of the word was required but there were too few communicants for the service to continue to the end of the Eucharist. In 1552 and in later revisions these collects were also allowed after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer or Communion, or after the Litany.”

– Marion Hatchett's *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.
Monday–Saturday Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. (Online)
Saturday James & Chelsea Woodham Baby Shower, 2:00 p.m. (Undercroft)

All are invited to a **baby shower for James & Chelsea Woodham this Saturday at 2:00 p.m.** in the Undercroft.

Our **Wednesday in-person services resume August 2.** Mass will be at Noon in the Choir, and Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

On the **Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) at 4:00 p.m.,** Holy Cross will host a Convocational Choral Evensong, according to the 1662 BCP. The service will feature music by Elvey, Holst, and J.S. Bach.

SERVING TODAY

Rebecca Snodgrass
David Richard
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Herschel Richard
Holly McIntyre
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Tommie Sue Brooks
Donna Neal
USHERS

James Woodham
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