



CHURCH



## Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2020

Hymn 616

Officiant        Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."  
*Isaiah 57:15*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant        Lord, open our lips.  
People            *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

**The Morning Psalm:** *Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur*

*O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.*

## **The Psalm Appointed**

Psalm 119:129-136    Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.  
132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.  
133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.  
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

## **The Lessons**

## 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Here ends the Reading.

*The Canticle is prayed aloud together*

Canticle A

A Song of Wisdom

*Sapientia liberavit*

*Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21*

*Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \**

*a holy people and a blameless race.*

*She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \**

*withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.*

*To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \**

*and led them by a marvelous way;*

*She was their shelter by day \**

*and a blaze of stars by night.  
She brought them across the Red Sea, \*  
she led them through mighty waters;  
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \*  
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.  
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \*  
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;  
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \*  
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia!*

### **Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the

kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Here ends the reading.

## **Homily**

Hymn 488

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>

Officiant        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***The Lord's Prayer***

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. *And grant us your salvation.*
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

We pray especially this day for those who are sick or suffering: Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Clint, Peter, Kevin, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Nancy, Frank, George, Caroline, Mary, and all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

We commend to you all who have died especially all whom we mention now either silently or aloud.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

Hymn 647

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn 707

### Announcements

**Reopening:** Please stay tuned for an announcement from the rector and vestry about reopening the church building and updating prayer times. A sub-committee has been formed to focus on the best way to move forward and we meet Monday July 27 to finalize plans.

**Steeple Chase:** Please visit the web site for the Steeple Chase to consider participating or donating to our team. St. Mark's has historically been very active in this local event which supports three not-for-profit organizations including WAIM.

