



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

July 26, 2020

Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

Voluntary "Come, thou almighty King", setting by Richard Proulx

Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before them 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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Homily

Musical Interlude "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee", arrangement by Anne Kreutz Organ

The Prayers (For individual use or with a family)

With the great sages of our lineage, let us now turn our hearts to God and seek true wisdom, saying: O God, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of religious communities and parishes throughout the earth, as they journey towards truth and clarity, we pray for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For governmental officials, grappling with COVID-19, human rights and equal protection under the law, we pray for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For the sick especially, **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, BettyJo Jacobs, Paul Bamford, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregel, Deanna Hill, Sophia VaughanMorning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, John Monahan and Mike Newton-Ward**, we pray for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For the dying victims of incurable disease, for those chained by depressions, fear, and addiction, and for those who minister to them, we pray for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For those who are imprisoned and for a penal system in need of reform, we pray for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For the youth of our age in their search for identity, purpose and meaning, we ask for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For all mothers and fathers who start the day without food for their children, we ask for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For those who seek and never find, for those who travel without purpose, and for those blind to the needs of others, we ask for God's wisdom: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For **Richard Usanis** (28th) who celebrates a birthday this week. We give thanks for God's grace: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For our own needs. (Silence) We give thanks for God's grace: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For all the blessings of this life. (Silence) We give thanks for God's grace: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For the 630,000 people worldwide who have died from Coronavirus. (Silence) For those who cared for them and those who race toward effective treatments and a vaccine. We give thanks for God's grace: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For the witness of John Lewis and C.T. Vivian; for their courage in the face of injustice and for all who struggle and claim the cross of Christ and die in His peace, we give thanks for God's grace: **O God, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Blessing

Life is short and there is little time to make the glad the hearts of those who walk this journey of faith with us. So, let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Voluntary: "The Love of the Lord", composed by Michael Joncas/arrangement by Jeanne Cotter

Notes



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