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The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 14, 2024  
9:00 am

Announcements

Prelude: "Truro"

Lowell Mason

Processional Hymn: 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

## THE WORD OF GOD

*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.**

**Gloria S280**

**Robert Powell**

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.**

### The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

### The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn: 295 “Sing praise to our Creator”**

**Christus, der ist mein Leben**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:14-29)

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Denise Quinta

Nicene Creed (Stand)

**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 worshipped 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.**

Prayers of the People Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, St. Alban's, St. Pete Beach; Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg; for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their pastor Anne, and for the dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion, especially The Church of Ireland;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop elect, Douglas, our bishop, Denise, Hugh and Jim, our priests, and Kevin, our deacon;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for Joe, our president and Ron, our governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those who are listed in our bulletin;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

The Confession

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on 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.**

The Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: (*The people may sit*)

**Offertory Hymn: 492 “Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness” Finnian**

Presentation of Gifts (*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward*)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A (Stand)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* 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.

(*Here a Proper Preface is said*)

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:

**S129 “Holy, holy, holy, Lord”**

**Robert Powell**

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.

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.

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*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People:* **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 !

## The Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

*Please stand or kneel at the rail.*

*The priest will place the Sacrament in your outstretched hands.*

### Communion Hymn: Voices Found 110 "Dance and sing"

Carol E. Petersen

Dance and sing, dance and play, dan-cing all your cares a - way,  
Dance of love, dance of peace, dan-cing gives your soul re - lease,

cir - cle round and let your spi - rit sing a song to Je - sus!

*simile*

Dance and sing, dance and pray, mov - ing in a ho - ly way.  
 Dance of life, dance of cheer, dan - cing lifts a - way all fear.

Fill - ing all the world with prai - ses giv - ing God the glo - ry.

Dan - cing the dance of God, wor - ship and glo - ry,

tell - ing the world that Je - sus died and lives.

Dan - cing the dance of God, wor - ship and glo - ry,

*simile*

tell - ing the world that Je - sus loves them so.

May be sung with varied tempos, beginning slowly at m. 5 and gradually getting faster until the refrain.  
Optional: tambourine on beats 1 and 3 to m. 5; then quarter notes to end.

### **Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)**

*Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following words:*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*Celebrant:* We who are many are one body,

**People:** Because we all share one bread, one cup.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**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.**

## Blessing

Closing Hymn: 594 “God of grace and God of glory” Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal: **Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude: “St. Stephen”

William Jones

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Please sign the guest book at the welcoming stand where information is available.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.JohnsClearwater/>

**Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.**

## Announcements

**Pray for the sick:** James Bernard, Gerry Boone, Barbara Bowdoin, Sally Brown, Bruce Cates, Lee Cates, The Most. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ann D'Alessandro, Kristy Foltz, John Humpal, Nan Lanham, Mark Lelekacs, Kimberly McMillan, John Piatak, The Rev. George Razee, Eric Rummler, Nancy Sawyer, The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Deborah Smith, Kitty Smith, Chrissy Stroup, Sandy Walton, and Bonnie Zwigaitis.

**Pray for the homebound:** Elin Buchanan, Shirley Dunaway, Margarita Lopez, Hortense McGregor and Frank Sahms.

**Back to School Supplies/Backpacks:** Pinellas County Schools will open on August 12! We will be collecting backpacks, and various school supplies in the upcoming weeks for Belcher Elementary students. Items needed are backpacks, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, etc. All items purchased must be dropped off to the church by Sunday, Aug. 4. Rev. Denise will bless the items and Caroline Barnett will head up a team to load up and deliver everything the following week.

**Bulletin Boards:** Rev. Denise is looking for a few creative people who would enjoy decorating and maintaining the bulletin boards at the entrance to the church. We will develop a joint committee with St. Paul's to highlight shared ministries. Please contact Rev. Denise, if interested.

**St. Paul's Wednesday Contemplative Services:** During the summer, the Contemplative Worship Services will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in St. John's church sanctuary at 7:15pm.

**Prayer Chapel:** The Chapel is open for anyone wishing individual prayer. Everyone is welcome to go to the Chapel after communion to receive

prayer with a member of The Daughters of the King. Prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

**Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed!** The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers to work the front desk. There are two shifts – Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Caroline Barnett if you are interested. (727) 459-3650.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 10 am in the Parish Hall:**

Our bible study meetings begin at 10:00am every Wednesday. See Bob Courdway if you have any questions.

**Episcopal Migration Ministries:** Those who want to financially support these efforts can donate online (link is in the enews).

**Deadline for submission of articles for the bulletin is Tuesday, 3pm for the following Sunday bulletin.**

**To make a donation to St. John's, via Faithstreet, scan the QR code below:**



## Weekly Schedule

### **Thrift Shop Hours**

Tue., Thu & Sat. 9:30 – 3:30

**Retirees** -2nd Monday of the month

**Hand Bell Choir** – Practice resumes in September.

**Voice Choir** - Practice resumes in September.

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Parish Hall**

Wednesday 10 am

**Our Wednesday morning Bible study will be taking a summer vacation. We will meet July 10th. Our next meeting will then be August 21st.** Enjoy your summer and remember *Forward Day by Day* is a great way to keep up with short daily Bible readings.

### **Men's Cursillo Grouping - Parish Hall**

Thursdays 7:30 am

**Rug Hookers** – Parish Hall

Thursdays 10 am



**Diocese of Southwest Florida  
The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, Bishop**

**St. John's Mission Statement:**  
*To love, to serve, to grow in Christ*

**Church Staff**

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