

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 18, 2021



“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace;”



“and begged Him that they might touch
even the fringe of his cloak;
and all who touched it were healed.”

10:30 am – Indoors with music

Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

Celebrant:

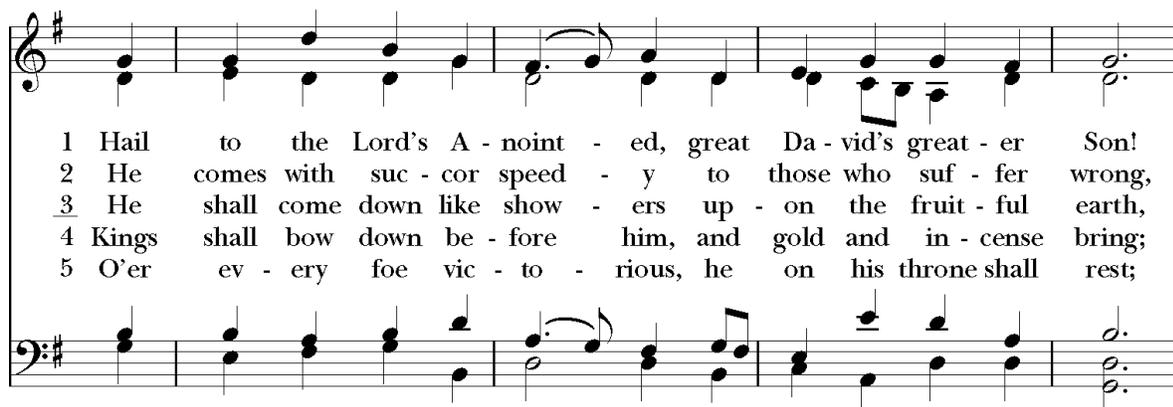
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Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Los Angeles

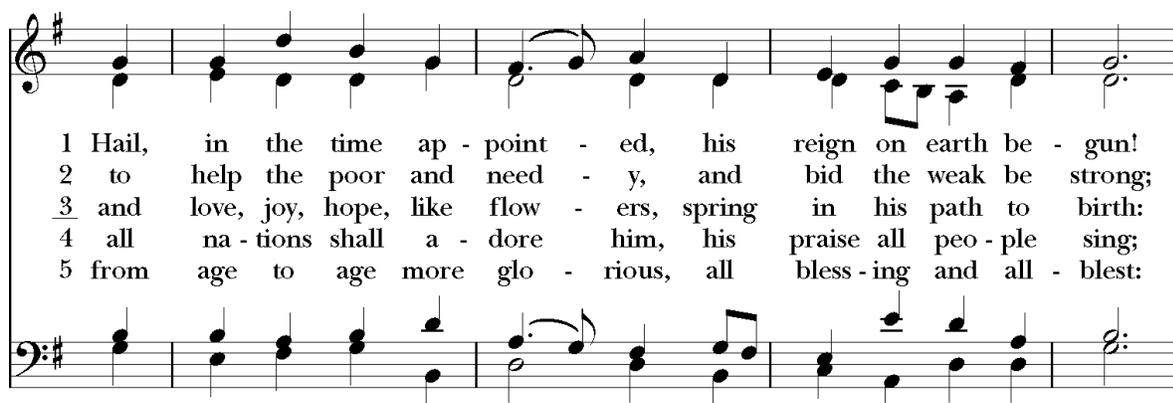
Prelude

Hymn 616 (V:All)

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

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1 to take a - way trans - ges - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures for ever.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Readings from Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23, *Dominus regit me* *(Unison)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's
sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**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.

Insert (V: All) "I heard the voice of Jesus say,"

1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to Me and
2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's

rest; and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your
give the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop
Light; look un - to Me, your morn shall rise, and

head up - on My breast." I came to Je-sus as I was, wea-
down and drink, and live." I came to Je-sus, and I drank of
all your day be bright." I looked to Je-sus, and I found in

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ry, and worn, and sad; I found in Him a
that life - giv - ing stream; my thirst was quenched, my
Him my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of

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rest - ing - place, and He has made me glad.
soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

The Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were

like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Right Reverend Diane Bruce

Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Los Angeles

Confirmation and Congregation Renewal of Vows

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenter: I present Mary Matheus for Confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

We thank you, O Lord, for your servants who, having been redeemed from the old life of sin by baptism into the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit and live in righteousness and holiness all their days, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Like Abraham, they may not always know the path they are being called to travel, but they know your love. May they always know your presence as they walk this journey of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church, and when the obstacles seem large and the path confusing, make the mountains and hills low, the uneven ground level, and the rough places a plain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant them discernment to know your will and the strength to resist the temptations that may lead them away from you, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world to witness to your love with hands that bring healing and hope to a hurting world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower them with your Holy Spirit to be servants of your love and ambassadors for Christ, seeking to bring reconciliation to the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Help them to be faithful examples and loving supporters of their brothers and sisters as they also walk the journey of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Wherever they go, may they carry in their hearts the love of this community at St Paul's Church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give them enquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each confirmand and says:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Mary Matheus with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of his life. **Amen.**

or this:

Defend, O Lord, your servant Mary Matheus with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and

daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We acknowledge God's Peace with non-contact gestures.

The Offertory

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are well pleasing to God.

Hymn 567 (V: All) "Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old"

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

**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.

The Consecration Prayer

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **Amen.**

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

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

Congregation comes forward to receive their communion.

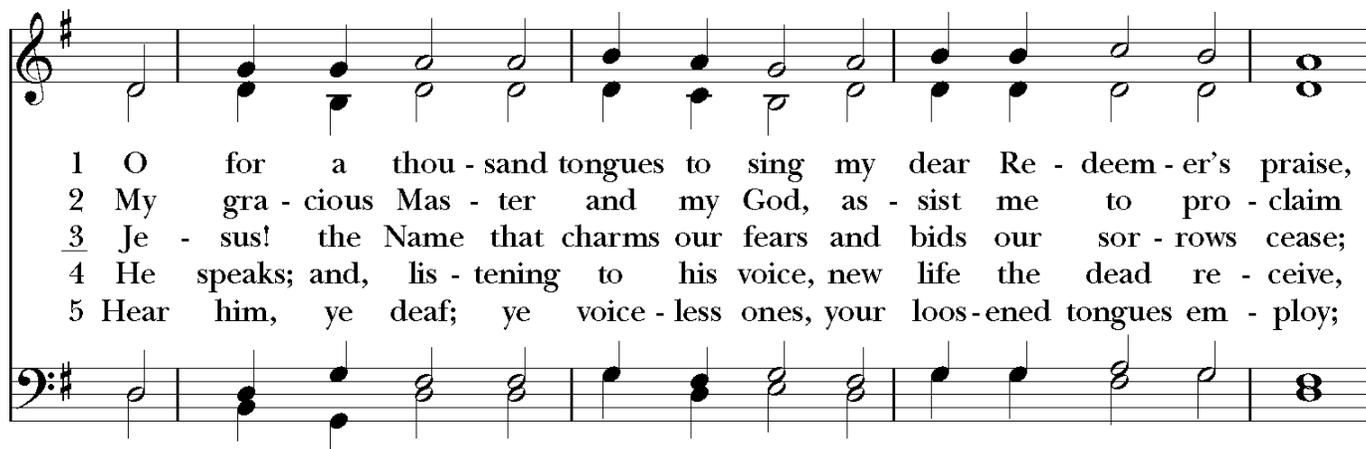
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

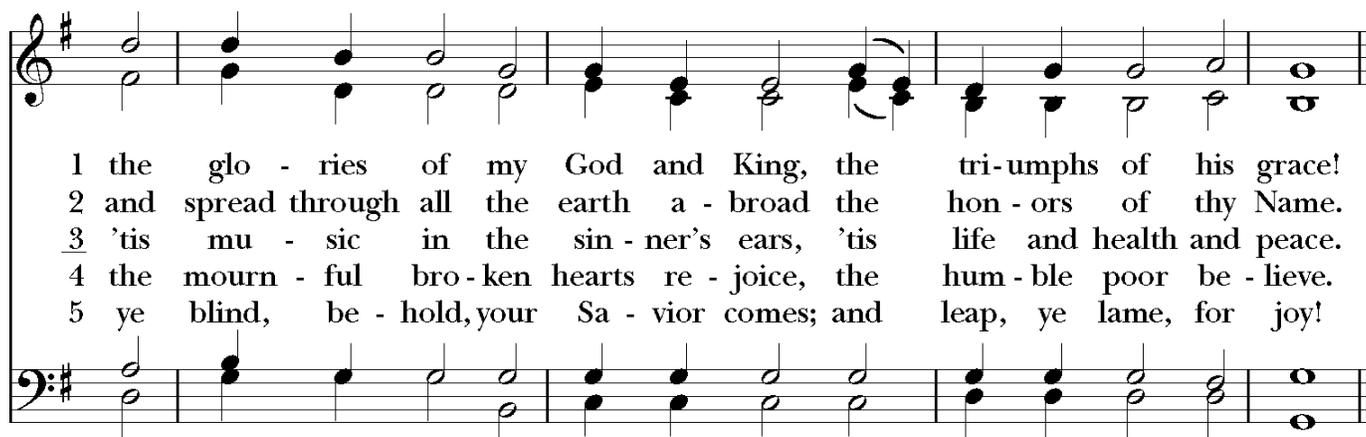
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, May the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 493(V:All) "O for a thousand tongues to sing"



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude