

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - August 3, 2025

Prelude Song

"He's got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me, Brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, Brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, Brother, in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the itty, bitty baby, in His hands. He's got the itty, bitty baby, in His hands. He's got the itty, bitty baby, in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain, in His hands. He's got the wind and the rain, in His hands. He's got the wind and the rain, in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here, in His hands. He's got everybody here, in His hands. He's got everybody here, in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

Processional Hymn #435

"At the Name of Jesus"

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came, Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, Through the ranks of creatures, to the central height, To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

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

People: And Blessed be his kingdom now and forever. 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.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria - #S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Hosea (11:1-11)

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Let us read responsively by whole verse, select verses of Psalm 107

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path * to go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

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.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-11)

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: The word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn #516

"Come down, O Love divine"

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Luke (12:13-21) All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **All:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Alleluia - #205, refrain (x3)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People - Healing

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Reader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more

abundantly;

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Reader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they

may be made whole; especially those on our parish prayer list: Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Susan Austin, Pat Goodin, and Eleanor

Turner.

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or

despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness

of mind and serenity of spirit;

All: Hear us. O Lord of life.

Reader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting

them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and

consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation,

and in the world:

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Reader: You are the Lord who does wonders:

All: You have declared your power among the peoples.

Reader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

All: And in your light we see light.

Reader: Hear us, O Lord of life:

All: Heal us, and make us whole.

Reader: We invite those wishing to receive a blessing of healing to come to the altar.

Celebrant: The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister & 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.

Announcements

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Your generous contributions support the mission and ministry of our parish. Thank You.

Offertory Song "Pass It On"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, And soon all those around Can warm up in its glowing; That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it: You spread His love to everyone, You want to pass it on.

What wondrous time is spring When all the trees are budding, The birds begin to sing, The flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend,
This happiness that I've found —
You can depend on Him,
It matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

<u>Doxology</u> (Hymnal #380 v.3) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

All: And of thy own have we given thee.

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this

bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it

becomes the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this

wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup

of salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist - Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you **People**: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up 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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus - #S-129

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.

Celebrant: 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.*

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

All together 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
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People: Have mercy on us.
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People: Grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Song BB27 "One Bread, One Body"

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many,

throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

People: I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People: 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant:

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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #594 "God of Grace"

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assails his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,

bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.