



St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 11, 2024

Prelude Song BB18

"How Great is Our God"

*The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
Let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.*

*How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!*

*And age to age He stands
and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end.
Beginning and the end.
the Godhead, three in one.
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.*

*How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.*

Processional Hymn #529

"In Christ there is no East or West"

*In Christ there is no East or West,
in Him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
what e'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.*

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Second Book of Samuel (18:5-9, 15, 31-33)

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Let us read responsively by whole verse, Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, * for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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 Ephesians (4:25-5:2)

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn #438 “Tell Out My Soul”

*Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name- the Lord, the Mighty One.*

*Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO John (6:35, 41-51)

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread

that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

Reader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

Reader: We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Diocesan Bishop, Richard, Hector, and Barry, our Priests, Edwin, our Deacon, and all bishops, priests and deacons;

All: ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and sacraments.***

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

All: ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Reader: We pray for those in our community who are affected by COVID-19, that they may receive swift healing and protection; and we ask for a swift end to this disease.

All: ***Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For those who are dying, we pray for a peaceful and holy death; Give the departed eternal rest; *especially Wendy Hartnett.*

All: ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Reader: We pray for peace throughout the world, and for our Public Safety and Military personnel and all those who serve our nation around the globe, asking you to give them strength to endure all trials and tribulations, and imbue them with an abiding sense of your presence. We pray especially for those in service who are members of our congregation, and their families: Trent Polinsky, Skyler Ellis, Danny Taylor, Ryan Cesa, Zack Pierce, Matt Jacoby, Cale Eggart, Joanne Frioli, Caden Watson, Daniel Watson, Courtney Austin, Christopher Austin, James Dunlap, Luke Gibson, Kelley Fairchild, and Shaye Dunlap.

We pray for all Doctors, Nurses, and healthcare workers.

We pray for Christians everywhere who face persecution.

We pray for our parish, the body of Christ throughout the world, united in worship here in our sanctuary and at home.

We pray for the members of our parish in need of your healing, especially Hildegard Wackerbauer, the Mata Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Nancy Teague-Horner, Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Ray Lamberson, Alice Smith, Clayton Painter, Ruth D'Ambrosio, and Eileen Prins.

We pray for our friends and family in need of your healing.

Are there others for whom we need to pray?

Celebrant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: ***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 BB36 “Make Me a Servant”

*Make me a servant,
humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart
always be:
Make me a servant,
make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.*

(repeat 2x)

Doxology (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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

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Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

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 **“Gifts of Finest Wheat”**

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gifts of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.*

*As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.*

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gifts of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.*

*With joyful lips we sing to you,
our praise and gratitude.
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.*

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gifts of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.*

*Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord?*

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gifts of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.*

*The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.*

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gifts of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.*

*You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.*

*You satisfy the hungry heart
with gifts of finest wheat.*

Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

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 #362 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

