The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 and 10:30 am • August 13, 2023

Voluntary: Prelude in E-flat
Guilmant

Processional Hymn: 680, O God, our help in ages past
St. Anne

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity
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.

Hymn of Praise
8:30 Gloria
10:30 S 280 Gloria (see pew card)

The 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 children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time.
The First Lesson

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

We will recite the psalm responsively, beginning with the Narthex side.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

(all) Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson Romans 10:5–15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 559. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Dulce carmen

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Allen
The Prayers of the People

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all gathered here into your unending life, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

For the church, and its leaders, and in the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer—especially for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; St. Thomas, Sanford; Trinity Church, Scotland Neck; and St. Mary Magdalene, Seven Lakes—that our lives may be for the glory of God alone, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of nations, that they may discern the ways to overcome division and mistrust, and may reflect your unity in every aspect of common life, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which build us up and strengthen us in grace and truth, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

Thankful for our world which you made through Christ, and renewed in the power of his resurrection, that we may be wise and careful stewards of creation, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

In the power of the Spirit, we pray for the sick, the suffering, and all who stand in need, especially those we name now. (Names are read from the Nativity prayer list.) We pray, Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially Dorothy Hamilton, we pray: Lord, have mercy.

God of awe, from whom we flee in holy terror: your silence burns like ice; your whisper cuts through fear; we long to hear your faithful word of righteousness and peace. Bless us with bold belief even in the darkness of the night and the assault of life’s storms, that we may be messengers of your justice, in the name of the One whom wind and wave obey. Amen.

The Confession

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360
The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Lift Thine Eyes, from Elijah Mendelssohn
Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.

Robin Rhaney, Mariah Tarry, and Ailsa Tessier

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts (see pew card)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

Sanctus
8:30 BCP 362
10:30 S 129 (see pew card)

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem
8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia
10:30 S 154 Christ our Passover (see pew card)

The Post-communion Prayer BCP 365

Benediction

Final Hymn: 636, How firm a foundation Foundation

Dismissal
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: Tuba Tune C.S. Lang
Nativity Prayer List

For the sick in our community: Alice, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Carol, Dee, Diane, Don, Jack, Jane, Karen, Kelly, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Stephen, Steve

For our friends, family, and neighbors: Anna, Arybella, Bob, Caroline, Danielle, Danny, Dave, Emma, Gabe, Gemma, Henry, Jackson, John, John, Kelvin, Licia, Michelle, Roy, Roy, Sara, Sissy, Vivian

For those who are expecting a child: Annelise and Lennox, James and Emily. We celebrate the birth of Hunter Alexander Sopko, son of Adam and Sarah and great nephew of Ailsa.

For those who are preparing for marriage: Taylor and Drew

For those who have died: Dorothy Hamilton

Reflection Questions

1. What is the significance of Jesus walking on the water? What does that strange power suggest about Jesus?

2. What do we learn about Peter in this story? What did it take for him to step out onto the water?

3. Have you ever had to do something that felt like that? Have you ever started something and then lost your courage?

4. What does it mean that Jesus has the power to calm the seas? Have you ever had storm calmed in your life?
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($981.50) net loss

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                       Ed Hughes (8:30)
                       Helen Armstrong (8:30)
                       Cuyler O’Connor, Julian McKimmon (10:30)
LEM                     Logan Lee and Vance Dutton (10:30)
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                       Ken Tessier, and Duff McAdams
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