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**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)**

**July 26, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Brett Hanley

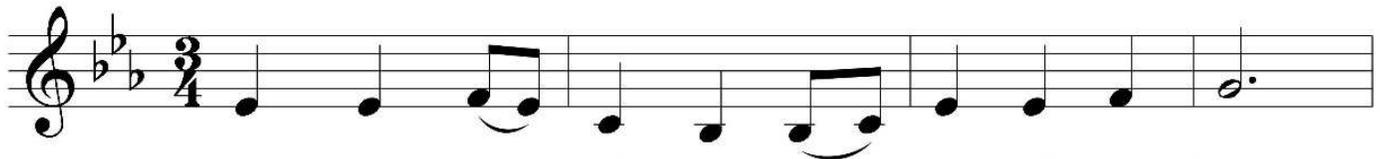
Welcome – Fr. Greg Larkin

Opening Acclamation

P: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

C: Glory to God forever and ever.

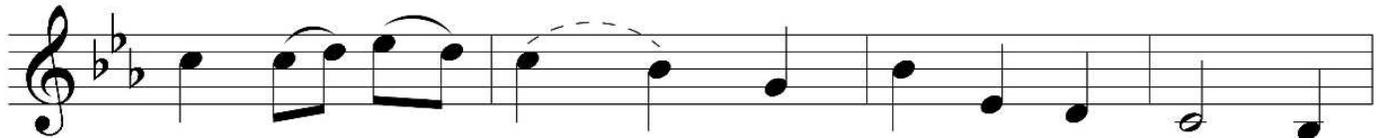
Entrance Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision”



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. High King of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach heav - en's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night, —  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be; —  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall, —



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional. adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

## Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

## Children's Message – Fr. Greg Larkin

### Children's Song – "Spirit of the Living God"

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, featuring a treble and bass staff with a melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me." The treble staff shows a melodic line with some grace notes, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first and second systems, featuring a treble and bass staff with a melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated.

## First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

*Jacob, the trickster, gets a taste of his own medicine.*

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Praise – “Salt and Light”

Oh, the beauty of the King  
You make righteous those who seek  
You have written and redeemed my story

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around  
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name  
Let my life be a song, revealing who You are  
For You are salt and light

Oh, the love that set me free  
You bring hope to those in need  
You have written and redeemed my story

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around  
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name  
Let my life be a song, revealing who You are  
For You are salt and light

You are love's great height  
You are deep and wide  
A consuming fire

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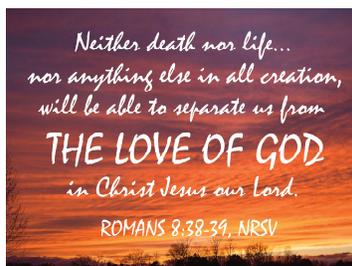
## **Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39**

*In the depths of suffering, God will lead us through the valley of death, always our companion.*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L:** For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia” – ELW Setting Ten, p. 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Jesus presents many parables describing the kingdom of heaven, forming a cohesive picture this side of glory.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

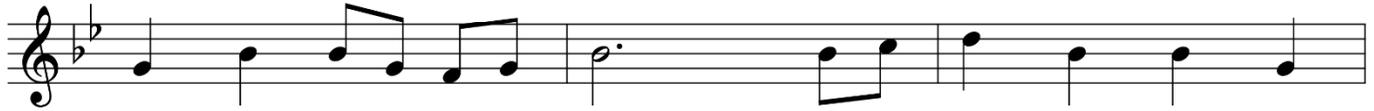
**C:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon – Fr. Greg Larkin**

## Hymn of the Day – “The Reign of God”



1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, Bears  
2. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From  
3. Though hid - den now, the reign of God May,  
4. The reign of God is come in Christ; The



weeds a - long with wheat; The good and bad are  
ti - ny seed will spread, Till birds of ev - 'ry  
yet un - no - ticed, grow; From deep with - in it  
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,



in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.  
feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.  
ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.  
kind - ling hearts, The reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939, © 2003, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: MCKEE, CM; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

## The Creed (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, He died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven  
to be everywhere present,  
and His Kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of Resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*(Today's Prayers are adapted from Clouds and Glory: Prayers for the Church Year, by David Adam.)*

**A:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord

*Each intercession ends with "Lord, your will be done" All respond: "Your kingdom come in us"*

**A:** Spirit, in our weakness, be our strength. We do not know how to pray as we ought. As we love you, work in us that which is good; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **Confession**

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God.

**C:** **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

**P:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C:** **Amen.**

## The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## Offering Song – “Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3. We do not live by bread a - lone,  
and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek and you shall find;  
but by ev - 'ry word  
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: v. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty; v. 2, Matt. 7:7; v. 3, Matt 4:4.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

C: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

P: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

C: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

P: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

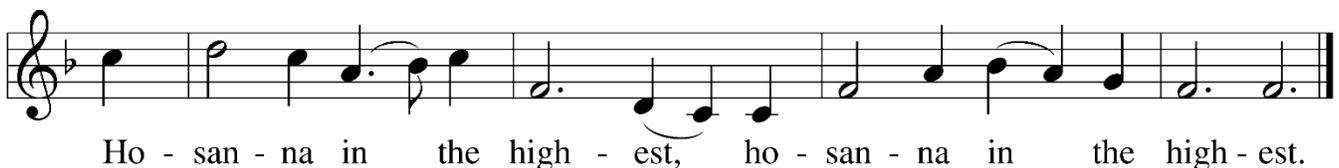
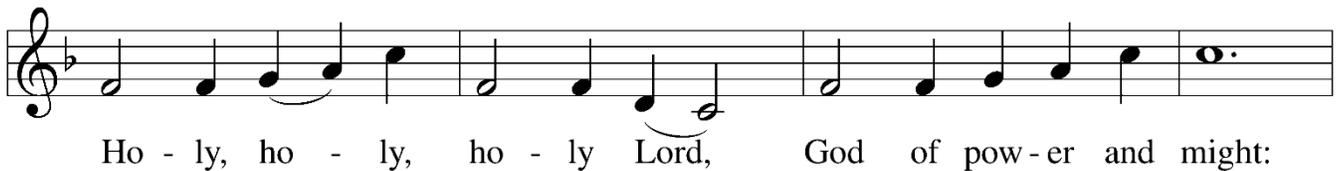
C: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

P: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

C: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

P: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus



Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

P: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

**C: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

P: Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Hannah, Esther, and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**C: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

P: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

P: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of Bread

P: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion** (*Adapted by Pastor Julie from prayers written by Bishop Guy Erwin and St. Alphonsus Liguori*)

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them for actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."*

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

**Jesus, my savior and friend, thank you for your presence in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and your presence with us here and now. Trusting your words, "This is my body; this is my blood—given for you," I welcome you into my heart. Let my life witness to your grace and peace. Strengthen all of us with faith, hope, and love until we can meet at your table again. Amen.**

**Hymn – "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" – ELW 771**



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phiant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## Blessing

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude – Brett Hanley

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*All are welcome to join the Mount Cross **virtual coffee hour** on Zoom immediately following the service on Sunday: [www.bit.ly/CoffeeHour102](http://www.bit.ly/CoffeeHour102).*

***Mount Cross** is offering **Drive-Through Communion** every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion.*



## PRAYER CONCERNS from ST. COLUMBA'S

*Those with immediate needs:*

**Jillian, Brad, Sarah, Michael, Doree, Andy, *Richard*, David, Leanna, Donna, Georgellen, Gerry, Dick, Sarah, Aimee, *Ted, Vicky, Judy*, Ron, Lisa, *Mary*, Linda, Jon, Joy, Linda, *Savannah*, Aracely, Agustin, Loren, Patty, Lori, Roger, *Mona, John*, Elise, Kylie, Steven, *Terry, Val*, Joyce, Ronald, Clark, Danny, Richard, Erin, Ken**

*and those who need our continuing prayers:*

***Nancy, Bryant, Lisa, Sofia, John, Wanda, Bev, Jan, Debbie, Roni, Bruce, Pauline, Marty, Alison, Gina, Kerry, Thea, Bob, Harry, Eileen, Taka, Thom, the children at Good Shepherd Mission in Belize, Ingrid, Kalle, Blair, Jill, Betty, Ron, Laura, Danielle, Marlene, Leslie, Susan, Cara, Harold, Ben, Evelyn, Frossula, Sharon, Amory, Karen, Belen, Sally, Rob, Clarice, Rex, Justin, Maria, Pam, Mariana, Luana, Jennie***

*(Italicized names are St. Columba's parishioners.)*

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**Roger Allmandinger** (brother-in-law of Jim and Susan Prosser), **Jan Beat, Sharon Benner** (sister of Karen Gramacki), **Curt Bensen, Bergit** (cousin-in-law of Barbara Sletten), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim and Karen Gramacki), **Janet Colby, Rob Conant, Barbara D'Addario, the family of Brigitte Deering, Steve Engh, Karen Geutschoff, Ron Higginbotham, the family of Robert Jackson, Christina Lau** (daughter of Bernie Lau), **Karen Nelson, Jeff Seifert** (uncle of Melissa Henry), **Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Patricia Springer** (mother of Joan Brundage), **Simone Sylve** (cousin of Bernie Lau), **Frank Walker** (husband of Carolyn Vang-Walker).

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