

**Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, Parish
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost. Proper 11
Morning Prayer Rite II. July 18, 2021, Time: 10AM**

(Recorded Service) Welcome to our worship online as emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful to God for keeping us alive, for the blessings of life, for the privilege of worship and fellowship with others. We gather with all who are seeking for meaning and comfort in this strange and challenging time. We offer healing prayers to God especially for Joyce Anne Campbell, Nelson Greene Jr., Kate Clayborn, Gwen Black, Harriet King Duncan, Saunders Miller, Denise Brown, Lelia Crowders, John Lewis; John Schnick. We pray for those who have died and are resting at the bosom of the Lord. We offer thanksgiving prayer for our spiritual leaders, for President Biden and leaders of nations. We welcome all who are worshipping with us for the first time.

The service is printed in this bulletin and can also be found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 76.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Hymnal: Amazing Grace

Andrea Bocelli and Alison Krauss

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60euxXvw5aA>

Opening Invitation to worship:

Officiant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with your Spirit.**

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His Holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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Silence

Officiant and People together

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.

The Absolution

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Liturgy of The Word

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Deborah Daniel

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ ³Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of

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Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled, and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 89:20-37

Chuck Crowders

- ²⁰ I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
²¹ My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
²² No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
²³ I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
²⁴ My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

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- ²⁵ I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- ²⁶ He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- ²⁷ I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
- ²⁸ I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- ²⁹ I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.”
- ³⁰ “If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- ³¹ If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;
- ³² I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
- ³³ But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- ³⁴ I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- ³⁵ Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
‘I will not lie to David.
- ³⁶ His line shall endure forever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
- ³⁷ It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.’ “

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the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

Milad Abedi

¹¹ So then, 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—¹²remember 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. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymnal: **The Lord’s Prayer By Andrea Bocelli**

[Our Father Which At Heaven](#)

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The Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Fr. Asonye+

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He 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. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As 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. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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The Sermon:

The Very Rev. Collins Asonye

Officiant and People together

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy**

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**Catholic Church, the communion of saints, and the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also, with you.**

Suffrages A

Dr. Cossette Livas

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Pray for those on the Parish Prayer List

Paula Price

Then the following Collect

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Becky Livas

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

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Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

Dr. Robert Johnson

O God, you make us glad about the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

Dolores Johnson

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Antia Taylor

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Gene & Kate Ramsey

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Nadine Goff

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Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection

Nicole Livas

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. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Poor and the Neglected

Rose Royster

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Oppressed

Dolores Duncan

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Cities of the Earth

Angela Patterson

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life.

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Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Clergy and People

Angela King

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops (Susan, Brooke, and Porter), our rector Fr. Asonye and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for mission

Denise Brown

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Officiant and People

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

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for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Fr. Asonye+

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia, let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Benediction:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your minds in the knowledge and the love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Adult Forum:

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Prayer for our Country

A Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Important Announcement:

- Wednesday Worship and Bible Study 07/21/2021 @8PM.
- We received special donation for outreach ministry from the family of Robert E & Joan Polson in memory of Gudrun Callahan for the Bag Lunch Program.
- Thank you ALL for your pledge, offering and donations. May God continue to bless you abundantly in Jesus Name – Amen.
- We have completed installing Comcast internet with a good signal in the sanctuary. A good signal would afford us the capability to hold both in-person and online services simultaneously.
 - We have purchased the camera and other equipment's. We continue with the installation this week.
 - The General Convention: In-Person at Crystal City, Arlington, VA.
- Meade Parking Lot is in bad shape - We need financial donation to fix it.