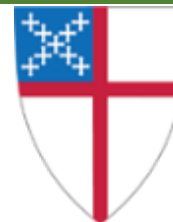




# San Jose Episcopal Church

## The Third Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8



June 29, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.



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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## The Word of God

*The tower bell is rung to signal a time of preparation. The people remain seated.*

### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn 525

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

*The following hymn is sung, all standing*

#### Gloria S 280

Setting: Robert Powell

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.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14** *Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

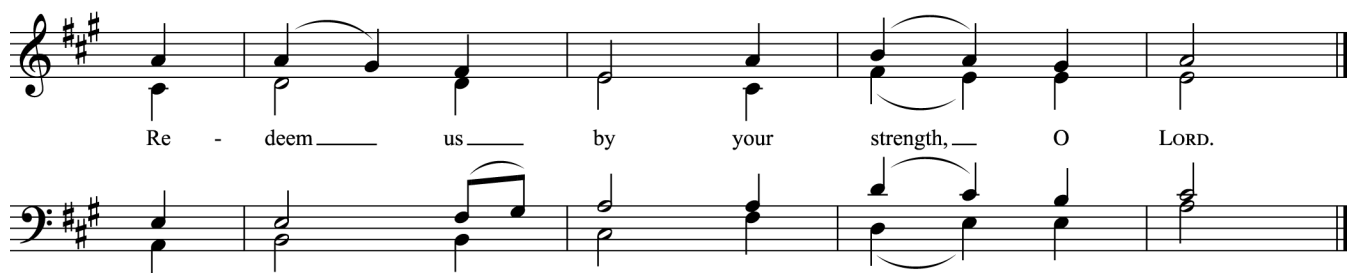
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20**



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*The cantor introduces the antiphon the first time, then all repeat.*

I will cry aloud to God; \*  
 I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.  
 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \*  
 my hands were stretched out by night and did  
 not tire;  
 I refused to be comforted. *Antiphon.*  
 I will remember the works of the Lord, \*  
 and call to mind your wonders of old time.  
 I will meditate on all your acts \*  
 and ponder your mighty deeds. *Antiphon.*  
 Your way, O God, is holy; \*  
 who is so great a god as our God?  
 You are the God who works wonders \*  
 and have declared your power among the  
 peoples.  
 By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*  
 the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Antiphon.*

The waters saw you, O God;  
 the waters saw you and trembled; \*  
 the very depths were shaken.  
 The clouds poured out water;  
 the skies thundered; \*  
 your arrows flashed to and fro;  
 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
 your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
 the earth trembled and shook. *Antiphon.*  
 Your way was in the sea,  
 and your paths in the great waters, \*  
 yet your footsteps were not seen.  
 You led your people like a flock \*  
 by the hand of Moses and Aaron. *Antiphon.*

## The Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25

*Reader:* A reading from Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 513** Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Bridegroom*

## The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon** *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Stephen C. Britt

**Nicene Creed** *All stand and speak in unison.*

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 Form III *The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader:* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People:* **That we all may be one.**  
*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People:* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
*Leader:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People:* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
*Leader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
*Leader:* Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People:* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People:* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### Confession of Sin *The people may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*  
*All:* 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 *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**



# The Holy Communion

## Offertory

**Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3** *The people stand as able.*

Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow, *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*  
Eucharistic Prayer A

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant adds an appropriate Proper Preface.*

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

Setting: Robert Powell

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

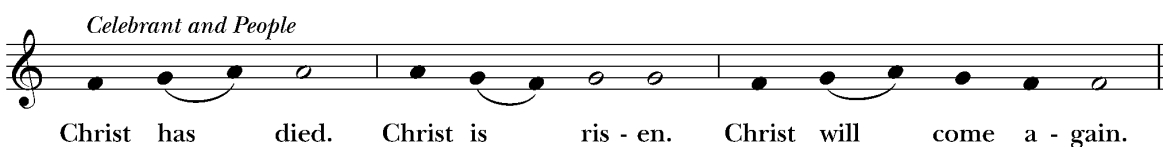
*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

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:



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

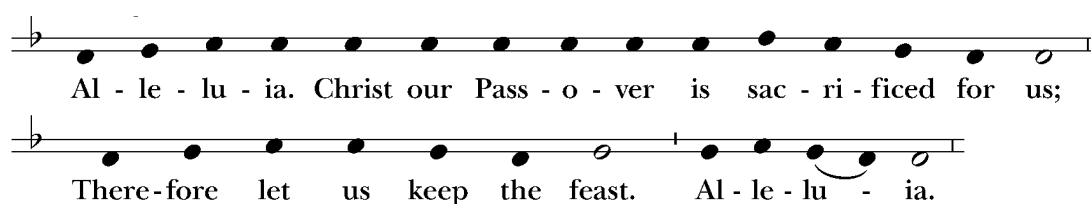
Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



## Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

## Closing Hymn 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

*Dulce carmen*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these, or other appropriate words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude