

# Pohick Episcopal Church

July 26, 2020 • 8:00 am

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite I in Pohick's Courtyard

## Opening Welcome

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant and People (said)*

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant 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. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

Reader A Reading from Genesis (29:15-28)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b** We will read responsively by whole verse

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*

make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*

and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*

continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*

O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; \*

his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*

the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*

the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*

an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*

to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

Reader A Reading from Romans (8:26-39)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:31-33,44-52).

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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.”

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

People            *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon           The Rev. Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, Rector

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant and People*

*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**

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor: Kristy Girten, Carol Heintze, Haydee Sparks, D'Andrea Wooten, Angel Sanchez, Joan Egan, Bryan Tuccillo, Jack Oates, James Lanningham, Diana Hinton, Jehl and Amy Palvado, Robert Froman, Harriet Sweetser, Skip Schultz, Kelly Decesaris, Beba, Jennifer Downham, Carmen Meyer, Virginia Rouse, George Crump, Bill Hosp, Patty Graham, Vicki Albert, Jack Florio, Tosin Onipede, Matt, Tom, Mary Egress, Robin Davidson, Bonnie and Dave Norem, Kristin Latter, Sydney, Becky Wagner, Pam Botts, Tom Jacobus, Gwen Thompson, the Burroughs family, Joan Parsons, Michael Cook, The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Steven, Diann Hawks, William Brownlee, Robert Foresman, Gordon Brown, Tom Murphy, Jr., Peter Thomas, Dotty Godley, Marsha Tonkin, Anne Derbes, Margo Naranjo, Domenic Lee, Victoria Sackett, Buddy and Martha Lou Derrick, Manis Khera, Donna Phillips, Rebecca Fry, Mandy, Kitty Gastrell, Mike Fairbanks and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**We offer our prayers for family and friends who are first responders, hospital personnel, and fire and rescue personnel, particularly those who are friends and family:** Julie Kiefer, Karen; Laura; Jennifer; Dr. Will Edmonson; Kathe Hannis Clark RN, Michelle Alley Sherrod, RN, Alison Brown Tuttle; Sara Mulhern, Nathan Crane, Dr. Susanne Roberts, Dr. Richard Yoon, Lindsey Chapman, Taylor Bireley, Chris Johnson, Grace Agar, Lt Anthony Marsico, Jr, Dr. Laurie Mortara, Melissa, Laura, Ashley, Avery, Chase, Teddy, Elizabeth Bartkowiak, Davis Sessums, Dr. Tony Slavinski, Christian Lavenski RN, Robert Foresman, Alex Foresman, Katie Arnhart, Dr. George Smallfield III, Dr. Melissa Smallfield, Patrick Burkey, Dr. John Orona, Dr. Devon Watson, Dr. Megan Sise, Dr. Uulana Bodnar, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Vitale, Christian Ewaskiewicz, RN, Kathy Aagesen; Justin and Nora Scot, Susan Plain, Lea Schmitt, Chris Stone, Lisa Keill, Alison Tompkins, Sheriden Floyd RN, William Low, Cameron Craig, Christina Petty, RN, Courtney Hayward, RN, Rachel Mazerolle, RN, Dr. Sunmolu Beckley, Dr. Maxwell James, Dr. Cameron Webb, Dr. Adrian Ambrose, Funmilayo Onipede, Nicole Habel, Haley Sanchez, Funmilayo Abiara, Annie Hammer, Ty Ashworth, Rose Kepnang, Alyssa Craig, Carmen Watson, Tom, Bailey, Dr. Alley Ronaldi, Melissa Villamoor, Dr. Dan Derbes III, Danielle Derbes, PA, Anna Delania and Tracy Torseth, RNs.

**We offer our prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week:** Christopher Rose, Glenn Spencer, John Michael Wooten, Christopher Brown, Robert Dudley, Paul Leon, Wiley Prior, Isabella Smallfield, Christian Boateng, Clinton Herbert, Amanda Ljuba, Claire Mullins, Donald Cooke, Emerson Wright, O. Egan, Doris Hood, and Jeffery Parker.

**For our members who serve our country,** particularly those overseas, and their families: John Winston, Tony Winston, Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Jacob Remaly, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, Ben Aylor, and Marty Wilson.

**For Christians and others around the world,** especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

**For peace in the Middle East,** especially for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

**In the Diocese of Virginia,** we pray for the Bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion (in unison)

*Celebrant and People*

*Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You. Since during this pandemic I cannot receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You, knowing that You are already here. I unite myself to You and to the entire Body of Christ. Never permit me to be separated from You. Let my hunger and longing for your Body and Blood deepen my compassion for others who are hungry, sick, and suffering. And as we return to our fellowship one day, we will discern with joy just how precious the Body of Christ truly is!" Amen.*

### Blessing

### Dismissal

*Priest (Sentence of dismissal)*

*People Thanks be to God.*



Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, Rector  
Assisting: The Rev. Alex Allain, Assistant to Rector  
Acolyte: AJ Biddlecomb  
Technical Support: Tom Ronaldi

### Announcements:

- **Next Sunday, August 2**, we will be celebrating our graduates at the 9:00 am Morning Prayer Service. The service will be live-streamed on Facebook or if you'd like to attend, please visit [pohick.org](http://pohick.org) and use our Google doc link to sign-up for a spot in the worship.
- **Phase I Worship Outside** will occur outside in the Courtyard (weather permitting) until we are allowed to worship inside the Church Building in Phase II. Up to 50 people can worship together outside, distanced. **There are NO age restrictions for either outside worship or Phase II worship.** Please prayerfully discern your own risk and choose.
- **Pohick's Re-Gathering Task Force** has sent its comprehensive Phased II proposal to the Diocese of Virginia for approval. We will be "ready" when Diocesan health metrics indicate we can return to worship inside the church, with up to 50 people.