



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 14

August 8 and 9, 2026

The Prelude *Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach

The Opening Hymn *O worship the King, all glorious above!*

The Hymnal 1982, 388

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

People **Blessed be our God. For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 Gloria *said at 5pm, 9:30am sung*

The Hymnal 1982, S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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 First Lesson

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

In our Hebrew Bible story, Israel, once called Jacob, has settled in the land of Canaan. He sends his youngest and favorite son Joseph to assist his older brothers shepherding the flock in Dothan. Joseph's older brothers despise him out of jealousy and at first conspire to murder him, though in the end they sell Joseph to Midianite traders who carry him off in slavery to Egypt. Joseph will one day see God's providential

hand in these actions, and ways in which evil may be turned to good. A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Confitemini Domino

This Psalm is a hymn of praise celebrating God's forming of a people through the generations.

We will read the Psalm responsively breaking at the half-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.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
 21 He set him as a master over his household, *
as a ruler over all his possessions,
 22 To instruct his princes according to his will *
and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

In this lesson Paul teaches that the word of faith is a gift; by it we make our saving confession that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. Without God's grace the way of righteousness would be impossibly distant. But the faith that leads to righteousness is in our hearts and the confession of salvation is on our lips. This is true for all people, no matter what their background, and so it is essential that the Good News be carried far and wide, that all may call upon the name of the Lord. A reading from Paul's letter to the church of Rome.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West*

The Hymnal 1982, 529

The Gospel *all standing, as able*

Matthew 14:22-3

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

People **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.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

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 substance with the Father;

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who 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

Lay Leader Let us offer prayers for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members. O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom you chose us, before the foundation of the world, and destined us in love to be your own: help us to pray for all your children. For the life of the world; that your peace may be known and may prevail. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember those on our prayer list: We pray for healing and wholeness for Amy, Mary, MaryAnn, Cheryl, Marilyn, John, Alan, Mia, Jimmy, Jim, Lily, Alden, Catherine, Ann, Regina, Gerry, Herb, and Al. Have compassion for those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who exercise rule and authority; that they may acknowledge your power:

For Donald our President, for Maura our Governor, for our Senators Edward and Elizabeth, for our Representative Bill, and for all our elected official. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church which is Christ's body; that it may live for the praise of your glory:

In our prayers, we hold our Presiding Bishop- Sean, our Diocesan Bishop-Julia and our Rector Alan. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remember all those who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially Phyllis Briggs, Judy Moakler, and Cynthia Henrich. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God with thanks for our birthdays, by Jann and Gerry Czarnetzki. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks for the churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery: **St. Paul's Church** (Lynnfield), **St. Paul's Church** (Malden), **Grace Church** (Medford), **Trinity Parish** (Melrose), and the **Bishop Alan M. Gates African Ministry Center**. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to lift up your personal thanksgivings and petitions.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

**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.**

Celebrant 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. Amen

The Peace *Then, all standing in body or spirit.*

Celebrant The peace God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Music *I love to tell the story, sung by Steve Tom*

The Offertory Prayer, at 5pm and 9:30am then, all standing in body or spirit.

All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.



The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship, Form 2

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say)

The Sanctus *said at 5pm*

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

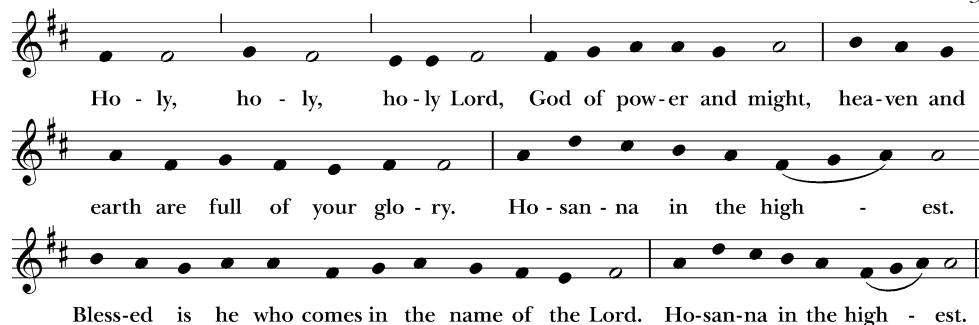
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus *sung at 9:30am*

The Hymnal 1982, S-124



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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with (— and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.**

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Fraction Anthem 9:30am

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Hymnal 1982, S-154

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Hold out your hand to receive the host. You may receive the wine by the chalice or in the small cups in the tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, cross your arms and wait for the minister to say *The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided in a white pedestal table.

If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know.**

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for-ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

The Closing Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

The Hymnal 1982, 390

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Gavotte in E minor*

C.P. Emanuel Bach

Liturgical Note: Introduction to the readings come from Fredrick Borsch's "Introducing the Lessons of the Church Year, 3rd Edition" Morehouse 2009

Announcements

CONCERT SERIES NEWS: Please come to our **next concert** on Saturday, August 15 at 6:30, under the tent in the backyard, with the Cape Cod Ukulele Club. Enjoy great food, good company, pop-to-bluegrass music, and take a chance on our golf raffle or 50-50 raffle. Bring a comfy chair, friends, and family members. Extra hands are welcome to help with set-up, food serving, raffle ticket sales, and clean-up. Concerts are free and open to the public; food and beverages are available for purchase. **THANK YOU** to our steadfast group of volunteers who continue to help with these concerts!

ALL PARISH PICNIC: We are taking the Second Saturday Social on the road to the American Legion Pavilion, 20 Main Street, Sandwich on **Saturday, September 12th** at 4pm. Our worship service with Holy Eucharist starts at 5pm, followed by a potluck supper. Join us for food, fellowship, fun, and a worship service. All ages are welcome. Let Diana Stanley know what special potluck dish you will bring at: Stanleyzook@gmail.com, or check for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call the office to sign up. There will be a fire pit for S'mores!

St. John's "Golf Outing for 4" raffle: Tickets are available now through August 29th

Contact the Parish Office or see a volunteer after worship for your chance to win:

18 holes for 4 players with carts at White Cliffs Country Club in Plymouth OR

18 holes for 4 players with carts at Quashnet Valley Country Club in Mashpee

Tickets are \$10 each or 6 tickets for \$50. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at each service, in the Church Office during business hours, and the Thrift Shop. The drawing will be held at the final Summer Breeze Concert on August 29th.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Again this year, we are working with the Cape Cod Council of Churches and Hands of Hope Pantry to support their Annual School Supplies Program. New and gently used backpacks, pencils, pens, highlighters, crayons, markers, notebooks (regular and college-ruled), filler paper, and 2-pocket folders are the most requested items. Your generous contributions can be left in the basket in the Narthex or bring them to the office during business hours (9am-2pm Tues-Fri).

Hour of Prayer: The church is open for your quiet prayers weekly, on Wednesdays, from 12-1pm.

August 8-15, 2026

Saturday, August 8

9:30am AA, Parish Hall
5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Second Saturday Social, Parish Hall

Sunday, August 9

9:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
10:15am Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, August 10

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 11

12noon AA, Parish Hall
6:30pm Vestry on Zoom

Wednesday, August 12

12pm-1pm Open Prayer, Church
1pm Common Threads, Parish Hall

Thursday, August 13

12noon AA, Parish Hall
6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, August 14

11am Caring for Creation Zoom link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86013659293>

Saturday, August 15

9:30am AA, Parish Hall
5pm Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
6:30pm Summer Concert Series

Celebrant: The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Director of Music: Misao Koyama, Steve Tom soloist

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lillian Woo and Greg Roche

Lectors: Jann Czarnetzki, Celia Ochoa, and Phyllis Helfrich

Altar Guild: Jann Czarnetzki, Judy Cohen, Dee McLaughlin, and Sharon Therriault

Usher: Mary Howe

Hospitality: Volunteers Needed for serving punch on the lawn.

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.



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