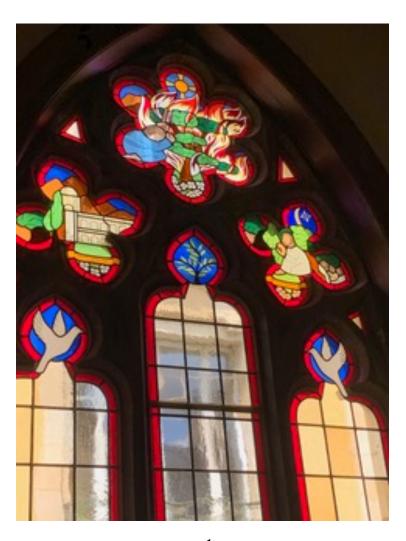


# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 14th July 2024 A Service of Morning Prayer and Dedication of the window in

and Dedication of the window in thanksgiving for the Rev. Gerald S. Moser, former Rector



### Prelude

# Welcome

# Hymn

#### Lift up your heads

H.436



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# **Opening Sentence**

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Belovèd in Christ,

Let us praise and worship God who has called us together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins

and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear these words of scripture.

(John 4.24)

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

#### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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**

May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

# A Song of Praise

Kibir (Glory)

Amharic, Ethiopia

sung by the African Singing Group

Kibir Halelujah (x4) Bemisgana, behohota, belilta, enwedisew, Dil aregelen, yegna geta. Bemisgana, behohota, belilta, enwedisew, Dil aregelen, yegna geta Glory Hallelujah (×4) Let's praise and worship and bring adoration to the glorious King, The victorious and mighty King

# The Psalm appointed

#### Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \* the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \* and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \* and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \* who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \* and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \* of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*

  "The Lord, strong and mighty,
  the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*
  "The Lord of hosts,
  he is the King of glory."

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

# The First Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the

city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

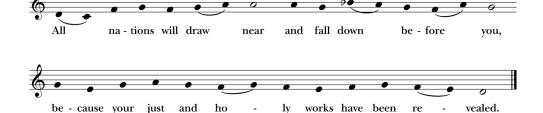
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Canticle

The Song of the Redeemed

S.267



O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,

And sing the praises of your Name?

For you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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





#### The Second Reading

#### Ephesians 1:3-14

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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

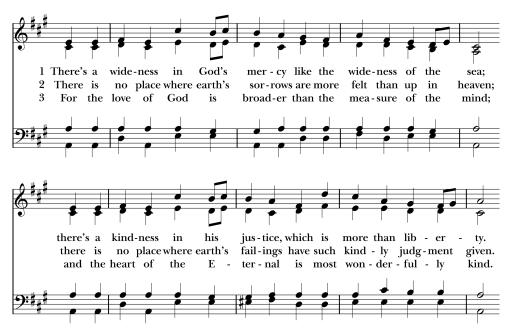
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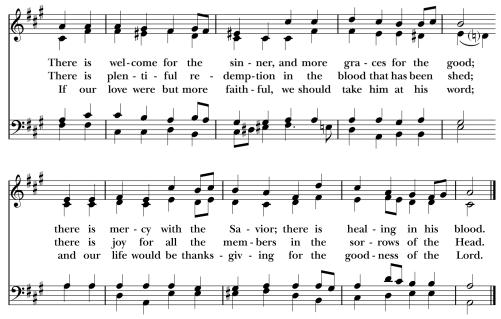
#### Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn

# There's a wideness in God's mercy

H.470





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#### The Gospel

#### Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to

bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Deacon Richard Cole

#### Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together our faith in Jesus Christ.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

#### The Prayers

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. *Amen* 

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.

- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### A Collect for Peace

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### Prayers of Intercession

#### The Peace

Our Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

# Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Mempa mo (Pass me not, oh gracious Savior) Fante, Ghana sung by African Singing Group

Mempa mo ho agyenkwa brefo -	Pass me not, oh gracious Saviour, hear my
Mempa mo ho agyenkwa brefo, tsei me mobor su	humble cry,
Reyaa w'ano akyere binom, tsei mo mobor su.	While on others thou art calling, do not pass
Agyenkwa, agyenkwa, tsei mo mobor su,	me by.

Nare frefre masefo yi, mempa monko ho	Saviour, oh Saviour, hear my humble cry, While on others thou art calling, do not pass
	me by.

We all join in the concluding collect:

Holy and ever-living God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Announcements

#### The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn Praise to the Lord H.390





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#### The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Postlude

This service is taken from Enriching our Worship and the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book.

Please follow Deacon Richard out into the garden and round the church to the Petite Salle for the dedication of the stained-glass window in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. Jerry Moser.



Church of the Multiplication, Tabgha, Israel (HMb<sup>2</sup>)



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Reader Samuel Mbele-Mbong Intercessor Helena Mbele-Mbong

Usher John Vanore Livestreamer Innocent Urassa Coffee Hour Yunise Korir

Flower Distribution Nadiya Dzyubynska

The flowers this week are offered by Sroda Bédarida in thanks for her marriage and that of her daughter Adèle, both of whose anniversaries are on the 16th of July.

**Prayer List:** This week, we are praying for Alice, Alphonse, Barbara Chong, Bob, Brad and Marietta, the Donkor family, Erik, Esther, Eva, Helena, Julia, Julien, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Marguerite, Mary, Mary and her family, Michael, Milki, Patricia, Patricia Back, Philip, Pierre and Hélène, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Safi and his mother, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

Convocation Prayer Cycle: this week we pray for Church Wardens, Vestries, and Bishop's Committees, Parish treasurers and bookkeepers.



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