



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican

Alexandria, Virginia



The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 15, 2018

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

*Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.
Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.
In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked
to remain as quiet as possible.*

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Silence

Psalm 85:8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine*

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Silence

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

The Sermon: The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

After the Intercessor says "Hear us, Lord,"
the congregation responds "*And open our hearts to you.*"

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

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All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal



Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing, are offered after the Dismissal at the side of the Altar.

Serving at this Eucharist: *Altar Guild:* Linda Serabian; *Flower Guild:* Phyllis Sims; *Readers:* David Ingold, René O'Brien; *Intercessor:* René O'Brien; *Usher:* Rollin Huntington; *Coffee Host:* David Lindsey; *Vestry Greeter:* Jamie Conrad; *Vestry Counter:* Chandley McDonald; *Celebrant:* The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

Forum Hour @ 9:15am!



The Circle of Quiet is cancelled today, so that all can attend the special **FORUM HOUR ON THE GENERAL CONVENTION**, led by **The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander**, in the Parish Hall at 9:15a.m.