

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet



Girl with a Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer

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GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a particular space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon or something similar to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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.

Prelude: *Selections from Seven Folk Tune Sketches*

Dale Wood

Dale Wood was a renowned composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions. He was born on February 13, 1934, in Glendale, California, and died on April 13, 2003 at his Sea Ranch, California home.

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See the Music section below for more about today's hymns.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest 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 Epistle

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.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Casey Bushman

Hymn of the Day: *O Worship the King*

Hymn 388

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love! Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise. The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old, hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)
Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Announcements

The Offertory

Solo: *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

Mark Hayes

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Eric Panter, soloist

Wisconsin native Mark Hayes (b. 1953) is a composer whose output is focused on music for choir, solo voice, and piano. He graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Music in 1975. For this piece, he pairs a familiar hymn text with an original tune.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *O God of Earth and Altar* from *Seven Folk Tune Sketches*

Dale Wood

This hymn, (no. 591 in the Hymnal), paired with the English tune Kings Lynn, is one of the first social justice hymns to gain wide acceptance:

O God of earth and altar, Bow down and hear our cry, Our earthly rulers falter,
Our people drift and die; From all that terror teaches, From lies of tongue and
pen, From all the easy speeches That comfort cruel men.... Deliver us, good Lord.

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For additional resources to connect today's liturgy with your home worship, see below, including the Music section for more about today's hymns!

Eating Together: Suggestions for Your Table

We invite you to use this packet to deepen your home worship, which parallels Sunday's readings, music and prayers, and we hope it offers resources for thoughtful reflection for you and your family.

In today's Gospel, each of the parables begins with "The kingdom of heaven is like..." What do you envision when you think of the kingdom of heaven? What is the sum of the multiple parables? If we follow Jesus, it will require everything. The price for the treasures of God is everything we have. Grab the treasure!

Here's a prayer you can use before dinner:

Seed-planting, fish-netting, bread-baking, pearl-hunting God, you shape us into living parables. Pray with your Spirit in us so that we may understand our experiences as healing metaphors, and become creative and abundant stewards of the environment you entrusted to our love. Amen.



Resources for Children and Youth

CHILDREN:

Kids Club: This month, we are learning about “Jonah’s Adventure.” Follow along with our weekly videos, posted each Sunday at stmarksaustin.org/kids-club, and catch up on previous lessons on our [YouTube channel](#).



YOUTH: Grades 6th - 12th

Youth will continue to gather (virtually) throughout the summer. Check out the calendar for July [here](#).. Be sure to let [Casey](#) know if you'd like to be added to the weekly youth newsletter email list.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH

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Evening Prayer (2nd)
Check-ins. Prayer. Holding each other up. 8 pm on Zoom.

Game Night (23rd)
Team games on Zoom! Prizes for winners. 8 pm.

Serve Days (Sundays)
Every Sunday in July, team up with your family to complete one simple act of service for the community.

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Resources for Children and Youth

Dale Wood: A Thoroughly American Composer

Dale Wood (1934-2003) is often called one of the most prominent composers of church music in the 20th century. His name is also widely associated with his distinguished work as editor, author, organist, and conductor. The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) honored him for his "very important contribution towards the creation and development of contemporary American music."



Dale Wood's career as a composer was launched at the age of 13 when he became the winner of a national hymn-writing competition for the American Lutheran Church. His first choral anthem was accepted for publication one year later.

Wood served as organist and choirmaster for Lutheran and Episcopal churches throughout California. He published numerous articles on worship, liturgy, and church music and was a contributing editor to the *Journal of Church Music* for over a decade. He lectured and conducted choral festivals throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe, served as editorial

consultant for several hymnals, and made numerous contributions to the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship.

Wood's musical activities have not been limited to sacred music. While still a college student, he entertained as organist at the Orpheum Theater in Los Angeles and appeared on television shows produced in Hollywood. He wrote music for radio and television in Hollywood. In 1975, he was employed by the Royal Viking Line to entertain passengers on a 70-day cruise of the South Pacific and Asia.

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He eventually settled at the Sea Ranch on the rugged northern California coast. There he created incomparable organ and choral music. He described himself as a hermit, yet served in the military, drove fast cars, explored the wilderness of Death Valley and the high Sierra, served as a volunteer firefighter, performed in bars, cared for rescue German shepherds, and was a beloved friend to numerous musicians.

Music critic Robert Commanday of the *San Francisco Chronicle* said of Wood's compositions, "His music is skillfully written, idiomatic, eminently practical, and direct in its effect." The conductor of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra, Earl Bernard Murray, paid tribute to the music of Dale Wood by saying, "No conductor in the world could have had more beautiful music to premiere. His pen has been a fountain of joyful song. His music won't let go of us."



PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers: Heather Azarmehr, Christine Brunson, Eric Boudreau, Joan Chapmond, Beth Chenoweth, Mac Dailey, Jodi Doran, Courtney Farris, Russ Farris, Nicole Flores, Jana Kay Green, Steven Jennings, Marcille, Jesse Martin, Charles Osterberg, Cilla Parkinson, Jonea Raney, Jennifer Pollard Ruiz, Samuel, Mary Smith, Jordan Sondgeroth, Jeffrey Todd, Kim Todd, Michael Todd, Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Aaron Walpole.

For those celebrating birthdays: Audrey Doidge, Mayra Linderman, Michael Loyd, Colt Aja, David Genet, Sofia Mickler, Suzanne Polk, Jordan Sondgeroth, Doni DeAndra, Philippa Dixon, Ariel Smith, John Cooper, Allison Joyce, JP Kloninger, Martin Moad, Dan Carroll, Douglas Joyce, Quincy Raines, Wes Raney.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Jo & Stephen Davis.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday School & Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.:** join us for a series on Outreach and Mission. Special guest this week are St. Mark's members: Amber Featherstone Uwague & Courtney Farris..
- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom. Links posted on our website each day www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Contemplative Prayer Group, Saturdays, 9 a.m.** Access link [here](#).
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study on July 28:** Mother Mary leads the group through a discussion on the Gospel of Matthew. This [link](#) will be active on day of the event.
- **The Trinity Center needs essential items! *Please bring your donations to St. Mark's on Saturday, August 8 to a collection bin by the door.*** Thank you for supporting our homeless neighbors and the Trinity Center. Email Mother Mary with any questions mary@stmarksaustin.org. Items needed:
 - Women's new or gently used shorts, t-shirts or cotton tops
 - Flip flops, sandals (no high heels), tennis shoes
 - New socks, underwear, and bras
 - Toiletries such as travel size soaps, shampoos, conditioner, lotion
 - Lip balm and sunscreen
 - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - Deodorant
 - Sanitary napkins and tampons



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The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*

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Barbara Gausewitz, *Seminarian*

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