**Early Communion | 7 August 2022 | Trinity 8**

**Introduction**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts be 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**.

**The Commandments**

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**The Collect of The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**The Lesson Isaiah 1:1,10–20**

The Lesson is written in the 1st chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom;  
listen to the instruction of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
‘The multitude of your sacrifices –  
what are they to me?’ says the Lord.  
‘I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals;  
I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who has asked this of you,  
this trampling of my courts?  
Stop bringing meaningless offerings!  
Your incense is detestable to me.  
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.  
Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals  
I hate with all my being.  
They have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you spread out your hands in prayer,  
I hide my eyes from you;  
even when you offer many prayers,  
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

Wash and make yourselves clean.  
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;  
stop doing wrong.  
Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed.  
Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.

‘Come now, let us settle the matter,’  
says the Lord.  
‘Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
you will eat the good things of the land;  
but if you resist and rebel,  
you will be devoured by the sword.’  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Here endeth the lesson.

**The Gospel Luke 12:32–40**

The Holy Gospel is written in the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke beginning at the thirty second verse.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.’

**Thanks be to thee, O Lord**

**The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
By whom all things were made:  
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
And was made man,  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, and Giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon**

**Prayer for the Church Militant**

**Confession**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things,  
Judge of all men;  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed,  
By thought, word, and deed,  
Against thy Divine Majesty,  
Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
The burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee  
In newness of life,  
To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

**Absolution**

**Comfortable Words**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**  
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,  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:   
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**.

**Great Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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, until his coming again:  
Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, **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. **Amen.**

**Receiving Communion**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in 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 Jesu 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, 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 Spirit,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Blessing**