

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ❀ August 25, 2024

Sunday Supplement for All Ages Worship

Today's Hymns (IOAM Only)		
Opening Hymn	Blue Hymnal #516	<i>Come down, O Love divine</i>
Gospel Song	Blue Hymnal #662	<i>Abide with me</i>
Offertory Hymn	Paperless	<i>Come to the table of love</i>
Communion Hymn	Blue Hymnal #335	<i>I am the bread of life</i>
Sending Hymn	Blue Hymnal #423	<i>Immortal, invisible</i>

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

IOAM: Short Seasonal Reading

Read by a child, when possible

Give bread to those who are hungry, and hunger for justice to those who have bread.

- Benedictine prayer

❀ *Please be seated for the reading of Scripture.* ❀

The First Reading: 1 Kings 1:1, 5-6, 11-18, 20-21, 23-31; 2:10-12

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

King David had become very old. Adonijah, the son of David's wife Haggith, bragged about himself and said, "I'll rule as king myself." He got his own chariot and horses with fifty runners to go in front. Adonijah was very handsome and was born after Absalom.

The prophet Nathan said to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "Did you hear that Adonijah, Haggith's son, has become king, but our master David doesn't know about it? Let me give you some advice on how you and your son Solomon can survive this. Go to King David and say, 'Didn't my master the king swear to your servant, "Your son Solomon will certainly rule after me. He will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?' While you are speaking there with the king, I'll come along and support your words."

So Bathsheba went to the king in his bedroom. Bathsheba bowed down on her face before the king. The king asked, "What do you want?"

She said to him, "Your Majesty, you swore by the Lord your God to your servant, 'Your son Solomon will certainly rule after me. He will sit on my throne.' But now, look, Adonijah has become king, and my master the king doesn't know about it. As for you, my master the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you to tell them who will follow you on the throne of my master the king. When my master the king lies down with his ancestors, then I and my son Solomon will become outlaws."

Then Nathan came in before the king and bowed his face to the ground. He said, "My master the king, you must have said, 'Adonijah will become king after me and will sit on my throne.' Indeed, today he went down and prepared oxen, fattened cattle, and lamb in large numbers. He invited all the royal princes, the generals, and Abiathar the priest. They are eating and drinking with him, and they said, 'Long live King Adonijah!' Who should follow you on the throne of my master the king?"

The king made a solemn pledge to Bathsheba and said, "As surely as the Lord lives, who rescued me from every trouble, regarding what I swore to you by the Lord, Israel's God, 'Your son Solomon will certainly succeed me; he will sit on the throne after me'—I'll see that it happens today."

Bathsheba bowed down with her face to the ground. She honored the king and said, "May my master King David live forever!"

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: The Last Words of David (2 Samuel 23:1-7)

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,

God's word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,

the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,

ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

**For God has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.**

Will God not cause to prosper

all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;

for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-15

Reader A reading from the letter to the church in Ephesus.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

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IOAM: Gospel Hymn: "Abide with me"

Blue Hymnal #662

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

This is the portion of the Gospel assigned for today in the lectionary. In place of it we will read a simple script giving the full scope of John chapter 6.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down

from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

SCRIPT: The Sixth Chapter of John’s Gospel, Simplified

PARTS: *Narrator, Jesus, Disciple, Boy, Seeker, Skeptic*

CELEBRANT The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

PEOPLE **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

NARRATOR Jesus was preaching to a crowd, near the sea of Galilee. And the crowd got hungry.

JESUS Where can we buy bread for all these people?

DISCIPLE Look at them all! We can’t afford that much bread!

BOY I have five loaves of bread and two fish.

JESUS Everybody sit down! Thank you, God, for this food!

NARRATOR They shared the bread and fish with the crowd, and there was enough for everyone; there were even leftovers.

SEEKER Let’s make Jesus king!!

JESUS No, thank you!

NARRATOR Jesus went off up a hill by himself. When it started to get dark, his disciples got in their boat to go home, to the town of Capernaum.

DISCIPLE Who knows when he’ll be back... and we need to rest!

NARRATOR When they were halfway across the lake, Jesus came to them, walking across the water.

DISCIPLE AAAGH!!

JESUS It’s me; don’t be afraid.

NARRATOR In the morning the crowd came looking for Jesus in Capernaum. They were confused because they had seen the disciples leave in the boat, without Jesus.

SEEKER Rabbi, how did you get here?

JESUS Very truly I tell you, you’re just looking for me because you had enough to eat for once. Don’t work for the kind of bread that gets stale and moldy, but for the kind of bread that lasts forever.

SEEKER How do I do what God wants me to do?

JESUS Believe in me, the One whom God has sent.

SEEKER How do I know God sent you? Can you show us a miracle? Long ago, Moses made manna come down from heaven, to feed our ancestors in the wilderness.

JESUS Moses didn't give the people that manna; God did. Today, God is giving you the bread that comes down from heaven and gives you life.

SEEKER Give me some of that bread!

JESUS I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Those who come to me will never die, but God will raise them up on the last day.

SKEPTIC Who is this guy who says he is God's gift to humanity? Isn't he just Jesus? We know his parents; how can he claim to come from Heaven?

JESUS I'm telling you the truth: whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread I am giving for the life of the world is my flesh.

SKEPTIC (*Grossed out!!*) How can this man give us his *flesh* to eat!?!

JESUS I'm telling you truly: unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life. My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them.

SKEPTIC Stop talking about eating your flesh and blood! That's so gross! According to the laws of our people, we don't even eat the blood of animals. Nobody should be drinking human blood! I'm leaving.

DISCIPLE You know, he's right. That is pretty weird and gross. How are we supposed to accept this difficult teaching?

JESUS Does this bother you? You need to try and think about things of the spirit, not things of the body.

NARRATOR Because of all this, many who had been following Jesus turned back, and didn't follow him any more. So Jesus asked his closest friends if they would stay with him.

JESUS Do you also want to go away?

DISCIPLE Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are God's holy one.

CELEBRANT The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

IOAM: The Northumbrian Creed

People **We believe and trust in God the Almighty.**
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ his Son.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.