

# Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 21, 2024

## 658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior



1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,  
2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;  
3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;  
4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,  
5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.  
Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.  
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.  
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.  
As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.  
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,  
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;  
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,  
Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.  
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.  
When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.  
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.  
Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10*

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.  
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\*  
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.  
**Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\***  
**in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.**  
**Within her | citadels\***  
**God has made himself known as a | fortress.**  
**Let Mount Zion | be glad!\***  
**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!**  
**This is God, our God forever and | ever.\***  
**He will guide us for- | ever.**

**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie**

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,  
 yet they prophesied.  
<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
 then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
 and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
 and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 31:2b, 1a*

**Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
 a strong fortress to | save me!  
 In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;\*  
 let me never be | put to shame.**

### Epistle

*Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

### Alleluia

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**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 7:15–23*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## 745 In God, My Faithful God



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.  
 3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;  
 4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
 5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.  
 I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.  
 It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.  
 You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us  
 Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.  
 To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.  
 He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.  
 Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.  
 Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

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☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

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