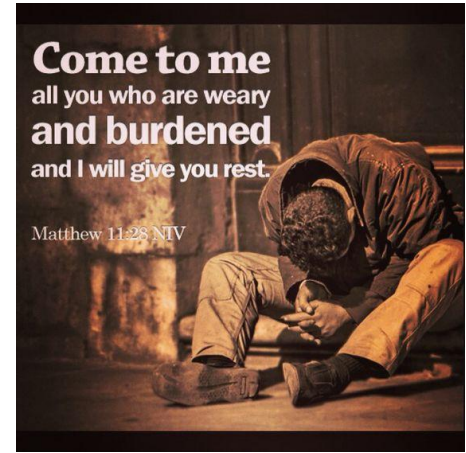


The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

~ Proper 11A

Morning Prayer – July 19, 2026

We are delighted to have you here and warmly invite you to fully engage in God's mission and ministry at St. Martin's Church. Everyone is welcome—no exceptions, no reservations. We are an inclusive Christian community committed to making a meaningful difference in people's lives.



Prelude

Hymn 518 *The Church's One Foundation*

The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Confession

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Jubilate

Officiant Our God has redeemed the world:

People **Come, let us worship**

**May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve with gladness
and come before your presence with a song.**

**For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**

**We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.**

**For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Our God has redeemed the world:
Come, let us worship**

Psalm 45:11-18 *said or sung together in unison*

St. Helena's Breviary

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



O God, you have searched me out and known **me**; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-**places** *
and are acquainted with all my **ways**.

Indeed, there is not a word on my **lips**, *
but you, O God, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and **before** *
and lay your hand upon **me**.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for **me**; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your **Spirit**; *
where can I flee from your **presence**?

If I climb up to heaven, you are **there**; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there **also**.

If I take the wings of the **morning** *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the **sea**,

Even there your hand will lead **me** *
and your right hand holds me **fast**.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover **me**, *
and the light around me turn to **night**,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the **day**; *
darkness and light to you are both **alike**.

Search me out, O God, and know my **heart**; *
try me and know my restless **thoughts**.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in **me** *
and lead me in the way that is **everlasting**.

Second half of chant

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one **God**:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading *Genesis 28:10-19a*

CEB

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and set out for Haran. He reached a certain place and spent the night there. When the sun had set, he took one of the stones at that place and put it near his head. Then he lay down there. He dreamed and saw a raised staircase, its foundation on earth and its top touching the sky, and God's messengers were ascending and descending on it. Suddenly the Lord was standing on it and saying, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will become like the dust of the earth; you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. Every family of earth will be blessed because of you and your descendants. I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I have promised you."

When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The Lord is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it. He was terrified and thought, This sacred place is awesome. It's none other than God's house and the entrance to heaven. After Jacob got up early in the morning, he took the stone that he had put near his head, set it up as a sacred pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. He named that sacred place Bethel, though Luz was the city's original name.

A moment of silence follows.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence follows.

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The Second Reading *Romans 8:12-23*

CEB

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

A moment of silence follows.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence follows.

Canticle 21 *We Praise You, O God*

Te Deum laudamus

**We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
 the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
 You, Christ, are the king of glory,
 the eternal Son of the Father.
 When you took our flesh to set us free
 you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
 You overcame the sting of death
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
 We believe that you will come to be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.**

Sequence Hymn 593 *Lord Make us Servants of your Peace*

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The Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30*

CEB

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

"The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?'

"An enemy has done this,' he answered.

"The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?'

"But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.'"

A moment of silence follows.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence follows.

Homily/Reflection

A period of silence follows

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *The people stand or kneel*

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn 302 *Father, We Thank Thee*
 The offering is gathered

The Hymnal 1982

The General Thanksgiving

Let us pray together

**Almighty and merciful God,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Hymn 344 *Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing*

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Announcements

Postlude

The worship is over ~ ~ ~ Now the service begins!
Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the Gathering Room