

## Service Sheet

### You Are My Vision

You are my vision, O King of my heart!  
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord.  
You are my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

You are my wisdom, You are my true word.  
I ever with You, and You with me, Lord.  
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son.  
You dwell inside me; together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight.  
You are my dignity, You're my delight.  
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower.  
Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power.

I don't want riches or man's empty praise;  
You're my inheritance now and always.  
You, and You only, the first in my heart;  
High King of heaven my treasure You are.

High King of heaven, when victory's won  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### Welcome

*P: The Lord be with you!*

**C: And also with you!**

*P: We are gathered by God--*

**C: To share the love of Jesus!**

### Gathering Prayer Pentecost 8

*P: Let us pray together:*

**Ever-present Lord, You set Your infinite love on us, even though we do not deserve it.**

**In this hour of prayer and praise, give us Your loving presence once again**

**so that through the coming week we may remember Your love**

**and joyfully recall all that You have done to make us Your own;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever; Amen.**

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

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## **Invocation**

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## **Morning Prayer - Opening Versicles**

*P: O Lord, open my lips,*

**C: and my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

*P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord!**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Morning Prayer- Antiphon**

*P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.*

**C: O come, let us worship Him!**

## **Morning Prayer - Venite**

*P: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

**Women:**

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**Men:**

**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.**

**Women:**

**In His hand are the depths of the earth;**

**the heights of the mountains are His also.**

**Men:**

**The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.**

*P: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.*

*For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day Pentecost 8**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: You treasure us, O Lord, and Your love for us is never-ending.**

**Even on our worst days, we are more than conquerors through the love of Jesus.**

**Help us to know the peace that Your presence brings in the midst of our troubles,**

**and guide us toward the kingdom You have promised us;**

**through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever; Amen.**

## **Scriptures**

**Readings from  
Holy Scripture**

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Old Testament - Pentecost 8**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

<sup>6</sup>You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession,  
out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

<sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people  
that the Lord set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

<sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers,  
that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand

and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love  
with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations."

*L: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle - Pentecost 8**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28–39

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good,

for those who are called according to His purpose.

<sup>29</sup>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 among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup>And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

<sup>32</sup>He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

<sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

<sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

<sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

<sup>39</sup>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.

*L: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Take My Life**

Holiness, holiness  
Is what I long for;  
Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness  
Is what You give to me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness  
Is what I long for;  
Faithfulness is what I need.  
Faithfulness, faithfulness  
Is what You give to me.

So take my heart and form it;  
Take my mind, transform it;  
Take my will; conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness  
Is what I long for;  
Righteousness is what I need.

Righteousness, righteousness  
Is what You give to me.

So take my heart and form it;  
Take my mind, transform it;  
Take my will; conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.  
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Take my mind, transform it;  
Take my will; conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.  
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## Confession - Pentecost 8

*P: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You:*

*P: O Lord,*

**C: we have sinned against You, mighty God, in our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

*P: When we have lived as though we are separated from Your steadfast love,*

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

*P: When our loneliness has caused us to question Your abiding love,*

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

*P: When we have let others around us live in loneliness, when all they need is a listening ear,*

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

*P: When we have separated ourselves from the Church, from friends, from our families,*

**C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

**C: Forgive our sins, Lord, all those that we know, and all that are known to You.**

**C: Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake.**

**Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

*P: Thus says the Lord God, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

*P: Our almighty and merciful God has given His Son to die for you*

*P: and for His sake of His innocent suffering and death He forgives all your sins.*

*P: Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority,*

*P: I rejoice to proclaim to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins*

*P: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## Peace - Pentecost 8

*P: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**C: Amid trouble, distress, and persecution,**

*P: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.*

**C: Amid hunger, loneliness, and danger,**

*P: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.*

**C: Amid violence, powers, heights, and depths,**

*P: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.*

**C: Amid life and death,**

*P: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.*

**C: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord!**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

 **You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

I'm forgiven--  
Because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted--  
You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again.  
I'm forgiven--  
Because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted--  
You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again.

Amazing love!  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me?  
Amazing love!  
I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.

I'm forgiven--  
Because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted--  
You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again.

Amazing love!  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me?  
Amazing love!  
I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.

You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

Amazing love!  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me?  
Amazing love!  
I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.

In all I do, I honor You.  
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1996 worshiptogether.com songs

## Holy Gospel - Pentecost 8

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

*P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,  
which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,

<sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea

and gathered fish of every kind.

<sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore

and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

<sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

<sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?"

They said to Him, "Yes."

<sup>52</sup>And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven

is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (ESV)

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

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## You Are My All In All

You are my strength  
When I am weak,  
You are the treasure  
That I seek:  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool:  
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin,  
My cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name:  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down You pick me up,  
When I am dry You fill my cup:  
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.

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## Sermon

## "The Quest for Buried Treasure"

*Matthew 13:44-52*

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## **Be Still, My Soul**

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## **Offering**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*[spalutheran.org/give](http://spalutheran.org/give)*

## **Offertory - Pentecost 8**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: With these treasures, Heavenly Father,**

**C: we also offer our time, talent and testimony to Your quest**

**C: that none will ever be separated from Your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**C: Your love and presence have sustained us through all our difficult days.**

**C: If You are for us, who can be against us?**

**C: With these offerings, receive our thanks and praise for Your mercy.**

**C: In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

## **Prayers - Pentecost 8**

The Prayers of the Church

*God of steadfast love;*  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **Lord's prayer**

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

forever and ever. Amen

## **Benediction**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

## **The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
by water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her  
to be His holy bride,  
With His own blood He bought her,  
and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation—  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
the world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,

by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Through toil, and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
'Til with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O blessed heavenly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
may see You face to face.

Written by: Samuel John Stone

## Sending

*P: We are gathered by God*

**C: to share the love of Jesus!**

*P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing—  
You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you  
and give you peace;  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you  
and give you peace:  
I, the Lord, will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, my children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.  
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