

Service Bulletin for 31 August 2025

11th Sunday After Trinity

Baptism of

Betty Jane Parsley

Augustus Ezekiel Parsley

Gabriel Lucien Parsley

Asa Conon Parsley

**Processional: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes

**Acclamation**

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

 **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

 **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

 **One God and Father of all.**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Lord, have mercy upon us.

 **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Confession and Absolution of Sin**

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Silence*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11:28*)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

**Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2–18

At the conclusion of the OT lesson the reader says: The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:10–21**

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

 and all your saints shall bless you!

**11  They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom**

 **and tell of your power,**

12  to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

 and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13  Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,**

 **and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

 **The LORD is faithful in all his words**

 **and kind in all his works.**

14  The LORD upholds all who are falling

 and raises up all who are bowed down.

**15  The eyes of all look to you,**

 **and you give them their food in due season.**

16  You open your hand;

 you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**17  The LORD is righteous in all his ways**

 **and kind in all his works.**

18  The LORD is near to all who call on him,

 to all who call on him in truth.

**19  He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;**

 **he also hears their cry and saves them.**

20  The LORD preserves all who love him,

 but all the wicked he will destroy.

**21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,**

 **and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

NT: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

At the conclusion of the NT lesson the reader says: The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Open My Eyes**

Open my eyes, Lord

Help me to see Your face

Open my eyes, Lord

Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord

Help me to hear Your voice

Open my ears, Lord

Help me to hear

Gospel: The reader introduces the Gospel lesson saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:1–12). **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel lesson, the reader says: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Open my heart, Lord

Help me to love like You

Open my heart, Lord

Help me to love

I live within You

Deep in Your heart, oh love

I live within You

Rest now in me

**Sermon: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread**

**The Exhortation**

*The Candidate(s) for baptism with their Sponsors stand before the Minister, who exhorts them saying*

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that *these Candidates*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church a *living members* of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *these Candidates* that which by nature *they* cannot have.

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Duke and Amanda:* **I present Betty Jane Parsley, Augustus Ezekiel Parsley, Gabriel Lucien Parsley, and Asa Conon Parsley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Minister*: Have they already been baptized? **No.**

*Minister:* Today, on behalf of *these children*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *these children are* taught, as soon as *they are* able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *They* must come to put *their* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *their souls*. When *they have* embraced all these, *they are* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *they* may publiclyclaim the Faith for *their* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

*Parents and Sponsors:* **I am, the Lord being my helper.**

**Profession of Faith**

 *Minister* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? (If so say, “I renounce them”)

 *Presenters* **I renounce them.**

 Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

 **I renounce them.**

 Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

 **I renounce them.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

 *Minister* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior? (If so say, “I do”)

 *Presenters* **I do.**

 Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

 Will you obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life? (If so say, “I will, the Lord being my helper”)

 **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

*The Minister then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these children and their family* in *their* life in Christ? (If so say, “We will”) *Congregation* **We will.**

Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles’ Creed.

*Minister* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*People*  **I do.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

 *Minister* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

 *Minister* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I do.**

**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.**

**Litany for the Candidates**

Let us now pray for *these children who are* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That *they* may come to confess *their* faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

 **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That *they* may continue in the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That *they* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *they have* been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That *they* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *they fall* into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That *they* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That as a *living members* of the Body of Christ, *they* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That, looking to Jesus, *they* may run with endurance the race set before *them*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

**Prayer for the Candidate**

*Minister* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *these* your *servants*. Wash and sanctify *them* through your Holy Spirit, that *they* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ’s Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *they* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesomeworld and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Procession to Baptismal Font: I Am Not My Own**

*The Candidate(s) and their families and sponsors process to the font, together with clergy and acolytes. The children of the church may gather around the font to watch the baptism.*

The One who made the heavens, made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known
I am His creation, the Maker’s masterpiece
And all that He designs will be done in me

My body is a temple of the living God
I’ll worship in this house that His blood has bought
As I bear His image, oh, may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

*Chorus*

I belong to the Lord, oh, I am not my own
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord, I am not my own

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone
He declares my standing, and He declares my state
So I will know myself by the name He gave

*Chorus*

I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker, come and make what You will of me
There is nothing broken that You cannot repair
So Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care

*Chorus*

**Short Catechesis for Children**

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Baptism**

*Minister to sponsors:* Name this *child*. ***N.N.N.***

*The Minister continues*

*N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, andof the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*N.*, receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life inChrist, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

*or this*

*Name*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked asChrist’s own for ever. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized and signed the Minister says*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received her as your own children by adoption, made her members of your holy Church, and raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that she may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

**We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

**The Exchange of Peace**

 The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

 **And also with you.**

**The Offertory: 10,000 Reasons**

***Chorus***
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I’ll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning;
It’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord, **And of your own have we given you.**

**Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,**

 **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,**

 **blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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.**

**The Prayer of Consecration**

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He 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 he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

[Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.]

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.” *Amen.*

**The Ministration of Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.*

*The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, [which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, [which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ’s blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

**Revelation Song**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Holy, holy is He

Sing a new song to Him who sits on

Heaven’s mercy seat (*2x*)

*Chorus*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be

To You the only one who’s King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water

Such a marvelous mystery

**Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come;

‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,

And mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess, within the veil,

A life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise

Than when we first begun.

**Who Would True Valor See**

Who would true valor see,

Let him come hither;

One here will constant be,

Come wind, come weather.

There’s no discouragement

Shall make him once relent

His first avowed intent

To be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round

With dismal stories

Do but themselves confound;

His strength the more is.

No lion can him fright,

He’ll with a giant fight,

But he will have a right

To be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin, nor foul fiend,

Can daunt his spirit;

He knows he at the end

Shall life inherit.

Then fancies fly away,

He’ll fear not what men say,

He’ll labor night and day

To be a pilgrim.

**The 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**

 **for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.**

**And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Refrain*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.

**Blessing**

All our problems

 **We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our sins

 **We send to the cross of Christ.**

All the devil’s works

 **We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our hopes

 **We set on the risen Christ.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recession**

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**