

***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 4, 2019  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II***

Processional	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>Hymn #594</i>
Opening Acclamation	<i>The Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP)-355	
Collect for Purity		insert
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>		S-280
The Collect of the Day		insert
First Reading	Exodus 34:29-35	insert
Psalm	Psalm 99	insert
Second Reading	2 Peter 1:13-21	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	H #581
The Gospel	Luke 9:28-36	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Eric N. Zile	
The Nicene Creed		BCP-358
Prayers of the People, Form I		BCP-383
Confession and Absolution		BCP-360
The Peace		BCP-360
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Be Humble</i>	<i>by Janie Marie Nebeker</i>
At the Presentation	Doxology	H #380 (v.3)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP-361
<i>Sanctus</i>		S-129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	WLP #866
Communion Hymns		
	<i>Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted</i>	H #302
	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	H #344
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-365
Recessional	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	H #408
Dismissal		BCP-366
<i>The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Rev. Eric N. Zile's ministry, given by Mickey &amp; Martha Harris.</i>		

**Ministries for the Day**

Celebrant	the Rev. Eric N. Zile
Acolyte	Cathy Buell
Lectors	Susan Galloway & Tom Edwards
Prayers	Kristin Anderson
Greeters	Ralph Wagoner & Tom Edwards
Chalice	Candace Springer & Gloria Austin
Healing	Kristin Anderson
Music	Martha Gherardi
Flowers	Aglaia Dolan
Altar Guild	T. McLain & Aglaia Dolan
Hospitality	Tour of Homes

*Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour*

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Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

### PONDER

Our psalmist for today sums up his experience of God's work in the world with the admonition: "Whoever is wise will ponder these things and consider well the mercies of the Lord." How wise are we? We may read scripture every day, but how often do we take time to ponder what it has to say to us today? Scripture is the word of God intended to encourage, challenge, bless,

and convict us as we may need it at the time. It behooves us to pay attention, to listen with the ears of our hearts to what the Beloved has prepared for us today, not only in scripture, but also in creation. Meister Eckhart has said the creation is the first Bible. The apostle Paul a similar point in Romans 1:19-20a. Creation includes both our neighbors near and



far and the circumstances in which we find ourselves in the world.

The Holy One brings people into our lives when we need them or when they need us. Recently, I was on my way to a meeting when I ran into a neighbor in the parking lot. It was clear she had been crying and needed to talk. It didn't take much pondering to know I needed to listen, but I know that earlier in my life, I very likely would have greeted her and rushed off to my appointment, her need unnoticed. It takes a lot of living to become even the least bit wise enough to recognize and consider the mysterious mercies of God.

As I was meditating on "pondering", I kept hearing over and over a phrase from a familiar hymn: "Ponder anew what the Almighty can do." Take time to let that phrase soak into you. Looking it up online, I found it in the Episcopal Hymnal 1982, #390, "Praise to the Lord." I offer it to you as you "ponder. . . and consider well" how God is working in your life and in the world around you here and now, and give thanks.

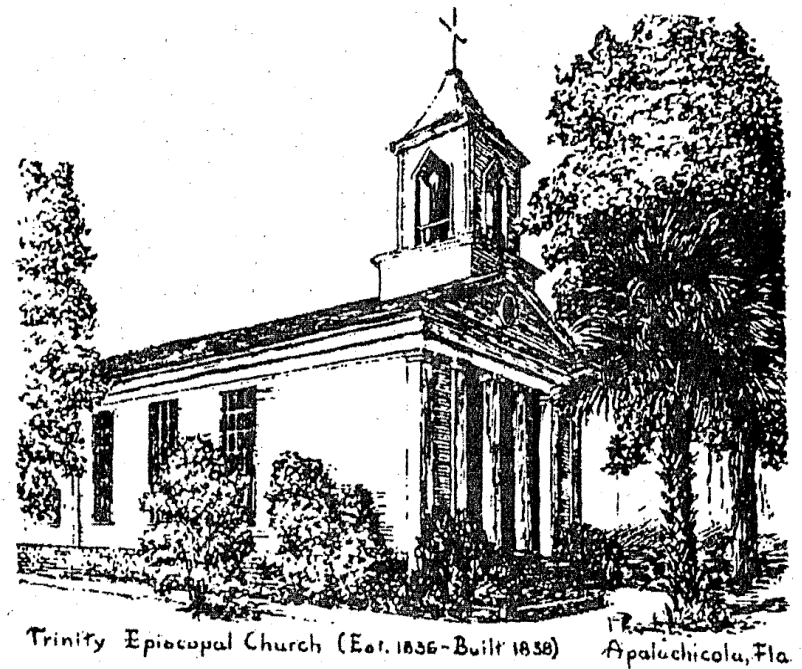
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