



### **GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

**\*\*Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices  
before the start of the service. Thank you.\*\***

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**The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate**

**The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon**

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**Guest Organist – Danny Jack**

**Cantor – Doug Rogez**

**Greeters / Oblationers – Paul Kramer and Barbie Garrison**

**Lay Readers – Stuart Chai, Mark Anderson,  
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# The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost – Year A

*Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – July 23, 2023 – 10:15 AM*

## The Word of God

### Prelude

#### Processional

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

#### The Hymnal, #518

3 To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted lovingkindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

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

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

### Gloria

#### The Hymnal, S280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**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. *Amen.***

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

### **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.**

## **We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God**

### **The First Lesson**

**Genesis 28:10-19a**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23**

***Domine, probasti***

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

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

- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## The Second Lesson

**Romans 8:12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- 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. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**People**      The Word of the Lord.  
                  **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn

## The Hymnal, #671

1 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.

3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

5 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'd first begun.

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Holy Gospel

## Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Nathan Carr**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the  
Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,  
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church  
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Poulson our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray  
to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in  
authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community,  
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the  
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and  
for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the  
destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who  
remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for  
all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and  
degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without  
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O  
Lord, by thy grace.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People say together.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

*The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture.*

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

#### **Blessing Prayer**

**O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Offertory**

Celebrant	All things come of thee, O Lord.
People	<b>And of thine own have we given thee.</b>

**Offertory Anthem**

**Danny Jack**

**Organ Solo**



## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."  
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People          Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei**

**The Hymnal, S163**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

# We Share the Gifts of God

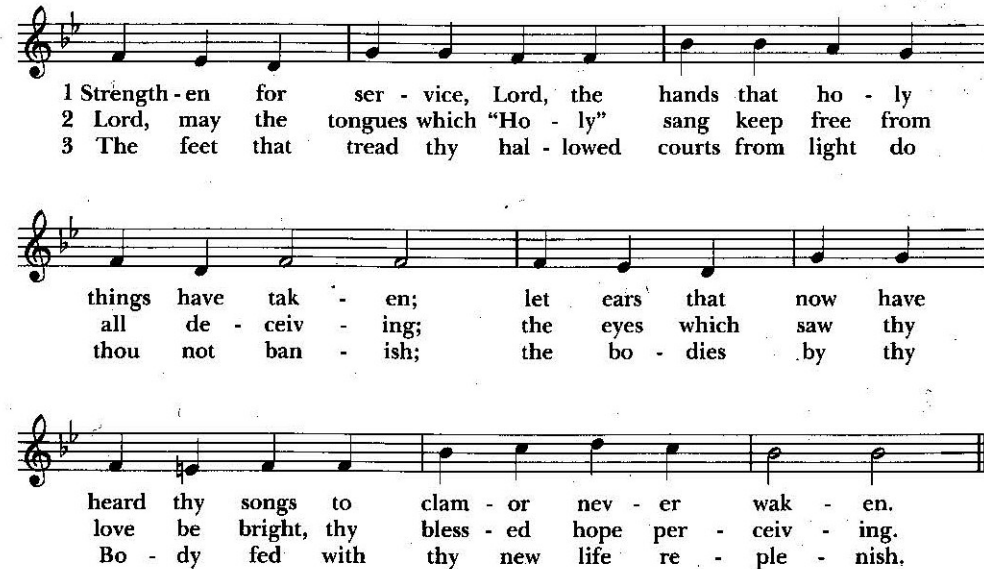
## Holy Communion

### Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #312

### Holy Eucharist

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1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang keep free from  
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do

things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy

heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

Words: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. Charles William Humphreys (1840-1921);  
alt. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
Music: *Malabar*, David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

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## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Recessional

1 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.

2 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.

5 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## The Hymnal, #525

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
men see her sore 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.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

**Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Bob	Jean Ledet & Chad	Mathew Reynolds
Beverly Bradley	Dixon	Kathleen Rhodes
Braiden	Kara Lynn	Rob, Ruthie and
Corbin Brown	Tony Marruchella	Samuel
Lewis Honor Carr	Leland Mayo	Adrienne Robertson
Stephanie Dunham	Betty & Delbert Millican	Betty Sinclair
Ed	and Ryan Lightfoot	Family of Kenneth
Sharon Ellington	Trish Morgan	Sosna
Joyce Ezell	Paul Mosier	John Steward and
Jim Freeman	David Nelson	Lee DeWitt
Tom Freeman	Joy Nelson	Martha Steward
Myrna Gowman	The Nichols Family	Nancy Steward
John Greiner	Ashley Ozan	Ed Tebow
Steve Hammontree	Pam	Donna Walters
Jean Inge	Babette Patton	Sarah Tracy
Judd	Patty	Mary Jo Watson
Sarah Kramer	Monte Pratt	Ginny Wynn

### **Altar Gifts**

Today's candle and flowers are given by Glen Fields in thanksgiving for all the volunteers at St. John's Church.

### **We need flower donations for July 30, August 6 and 27**

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

### **Birthdays This Week**

23 – Peggy Cummings

28 – Mike Maney

### **Anniversaries**

25 – David & Kim Jackson

### **Announcements**

**Wednesday, July 26, at 5:30** – Evening Prayer in Mary Chapel

**Please Welcome Back Organist Danny Jack** to St. John's while Cynthia travels. Thank you, Danny, for bringing us beautiful music today.

**Throughout the month of July, St. John's will be collecting items for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.** The OKFD is a not-for-profit social services organization established in 1960 that provides high-quality and activity-oriented adult day health services for adults with specialized developmental needs in central Oklahoma. They collect **used items for resale at their thrift store. Items include clothing, appliances, furniture, household items, etc.** If you need assistance bringing your items from home to St. John's, please contact Deacon Lisa.

**NATIONAL ACOLYTE FESTIVAL. We are inching ever closer to our goal of \$6,000!** Let's try to put it over the top this Sunday. Thank you to all who have already been so generous!

**And last, but not least, we are still collecting information for our online membership directory.** As we approach our **photo session on Sunday, August 27**, we are anxious to collect up-to-date contact information for each member and family. **Please pick up a form on the table in the Narthex and fill it out as completely as you can** and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the basket provided.