

## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost , July 15, 2018 Track 1**

**The Collect:** O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Old Testament: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 read from the International Children's Bible**

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel. There were 30,000 of them. Then David and all his people went to Baalah in Judah. They took the Ark of the Covenant of God from Baalah in Judah and moved it to Jerusalem. The Ark of the Covenant is called by the Name, the name of the Lord of heaven's armies. His throne is between the gold creatures with wings that are on the Ark of the Covenant. David's men put the Ark of the Covenant of God on a new cart. Then they brought the Ark of the Covenant out of Abinadab's house on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, led the new cart. This cart had the Ark of the Covenant of God on it. Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all the Israelites were playing all kinds of musical instruments before the Lord. They were made of pine wood. There were lyres, harps, tambourines, rattles and cymbals.

This is because the Ark of the Covenant of God is there." So David went and brought it up from Obed-Edom's house to Jerusalem with joy. When the men carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord had walked six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fat calf. Then David danced with all his might before the Lord. He had on a holy linen vest. David and all the Israelites shouted with joy. They blew the trumpets as they brought the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord to the city.

Saul's daughter Michal was looking out the window. She watched as the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord came into the city. When she saw David jumping and dancing before the Lord, she hated him.

David put up a tent for the Ark of the Covenant. Then the Israelites put it in its place inside the tent. David offered whole burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. When David

finished offering the whole burnt offerings and the fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of heaven's armies. David gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to everyone. He gave them to all the Israelites, both men and women. Then all the people went home.

## **The Word of the Lord**

### **Psalm 24 read from The Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer**

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \* the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \* and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? " \* and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \* who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \* and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \* of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \* "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

### **Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14 read from The King James Bible**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.  
7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;  
8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;  
9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:  
10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:  
11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:  
12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.  
13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,  
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

### **The Word of the Lord**

#### **Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 read from the Lexham English Bible**

And King Herod heard it, because his name had become known. And they were saying, “John, the one who baptizes, has been raised from the dead, and because of this these miraculous powers are at work in him.” But others were saying, “He is Elijah,” and others were saying, “He is a prophet like one of the prophets.” But when Herod heard it, he said, “John whom I beheaded—this one has been raised!” For Herod himself had sent and arrested John and bound him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not permitted for you to have your brother’s wife.” So Herodias held a grudge against him and was wanting to kill him, and was not able to do so. For Herod was afraid of John, because he knew him to be a righteous and holy man and protected him. And when he listened to him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he listened to him gladly. And a suitable day came when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers and military tribunes and the most prominent men of Galilee. And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced and pleased Herod and his dinner

guests, the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want, and I will give it to you." And he swore to her, "Anything whatever you ask me for I will give you, up to half my kingdom!" And she went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter immediately." And although he was deeply grieved, the king, because of his oaths and dinner guests, did not want to refuse her. And immediately the king sent an executioner and ordered him to bring his head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison. And he brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard this, they came and took away his corpse and placed it in a tomb.

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**Closing Prayer: On July 16th we celebrate the lives of "The Righteous Gentiles", read from *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*.**

During the Second World War, thousands of Christians and persons of faith made valiant sacrifices, often at the risk of their own lives, to save Jews from the Holocaust. These "Righteous Gentiles" are honored for courageous action in the face of Hitler's reign of terror.

Raoul Wallenberg, a Lutheran, was a Swedish humanitarian and diplomat whose great resourcefulness saved thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Nazi occupation. He issued them Swedish passports so that they could escape, and housed many in Swedish government property in Budapest, thereby protecting them on the basis of diplomatic immunity.

Hiram Bingham IV, and Episcopalian, was an American diplomat in France during the early years of the Nazi occupation. He violated State Department protocol by arranging escape routes for persecuted Jews, and often provided the most wanted with safe haven in his own home. When transferred to Argentina, he devoted considerable effort to tracking the movements of Nazi war criminals.

Carl Lutz, an evangelical, was a Swiss diplomat in Budapest who also worked to save the

lives of many Hungarian Jews. Although deeply involved in this endeavor at every level, he is most remembered for negotiating with the Nazis for safe passage from Hungary to Palestine for more than 10,000 Jews.

Chiune Sugihara, an Orthodox Christian, while serving as a Japanese Consul in Lithuania, rescued thousands of Jews by providing them with travel credentials so they could escape,. In doing so, he violated official diplomatic policy and was removed from his county's foreign service. He lived the rest of his life in disgrace.

Andre and Magda, of the Reformed tradition, were French Christians who saved the lives of several thousand Jews in France during the Nazi occupation. He was the pastor in Le Chambon-sur-Signon and, together with people in the neighboring communities, he created a safe haven for many refugees from the Nazi terror.

The faithful servants, together with more than 23,000 others verified to date, are honored at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial overlooking Jerusalem, and celebrated there as “the righteous among the nations.”

**Let us pray:** Lord of the Exodus, who delivers your people with a strong hand and a mighty arm: Strengthen your Church with the examples of the Righteous Gentiles of World War II to defy oppression for the rescue of the innocent; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**