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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. JULY 21, 2024

A Reading from *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* By Richard Hooker

od is himself the teacher of the truth, whereby is made known the supernatural way of salvation and law for them to live in that shall be saved.

This supernatural way had God in himself prepared before all worlds. The way of supernatural duty which to us God hath prescribed, our Savior in the Gospel of St John doth note, terming it by an excellency, the work of God: 'This is the work of God, that ye believe in him whom he hath sent.' Not that God doth require nothing unto happiness at the hands of men saving only a naked belief (for hope and charity we may not exclude) but that without belief all other things are as nothing, and it is the ground of those other divine virtues.

Concerning faith, the principal object whereof is that eternal verity which hath discovered the treasures of hidden wisdom in Christ; concerning hope, the highest object whereof is that everlasting goodness which in Christ doth quicken the dead; concerning charity, the final object whereof is that incomprehensible beauty which shineth in the countenance of Christ the Son of the living God. Concerning these virtues, the first of which beginning here with a weak apprehension of things not seen, endeth with the intuitive vision of God in the world to come; the second beginning here with trembling expectation of things far removed and as yet but only heard of, endeth with real and actual fruition of that which no tongue can express; the third beginning here with a weak inclination of heart towards him unto whom we are not able to approach, endeth with endless union, the mystery whereof is higher than the reach of the thoughts of men; concerning that faith, hope, and charity, without which there can be no salvation, was there ever any mention made saving only in that law which God himself hath from heaven revealed? There is not in the world a syllable muttered with certain truth concerning any of these three, more than hath been supernaturally received from the mouth of the eternal God.

[Source: Celebrating the Seasons]

MORNING PRAYER: 8:00a.m., Chapel. (Tuesday-Wednesday; Friday & Saturday)

JULY:

- July 27, Saturday, ECW meeting, 2:00p.m.
- July 28, Sunday, Vacation Church School, 11:30a.m., Parish Hall; Wedding, 3:00p.m

AUGUST:

 Aug. 24, Saturday, ECW meeting, 2:00p.m

SEPTEMBER:

- Sept. 14, Saturday, Wedding, 3:00p.m.
- Sept. 15, Sunday, Wedding, 2:00p.m.
- Sept. 22, Sunday, Wedding, 2:00p.m.
- Sept. 28, Saturday, ECW meeting, 2:00p.m.; Wedding, 2:30p.m.

SAINTS:

Mary Magdalene, 22 July. All four gospels give Mary Magdalene a unique place among Jesus' followers. Probably from Magdala by the Sea of Galilee, she is described as having been healed by Jesus before accompanying him during his ministry. Along with other faithful women, she stayed beside the cross during the crucifixion and was the first disciple to discover the empty tomb on Easter morning. She was privileged with the first appearance of the risen Lord, who sent her to take the good news of the resurrection to the other disciples. This commission earned her the title 'Apostle to the Apostles' in the early Church.

James the Apostle, 25 July. James, often called 'the Great', was a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow him. The two brothers were with Jesus at his Transfiguration and with him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on his left and the other on his right when he came into his glory and they were present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James' martyrdom is believed to have taken place in the year 44.