

# **The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

August 22, 2021

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Opening Hymn**

**Sung by all**

### **Opening Sentences**

*Presider* Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God: the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.

### **Confession of Sin & Absolution**

**Led by Tom Wool**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Presider* 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.

## **Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe.  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

## **Psalms 34:15-22**

**Led by Jenna McAuley**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.  
He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.  
Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

**Read by Kallen Tsikalas**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth

around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.

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

**Halle Halle Halle**

**sung by the Choir**

A reading from the Gospel of John.

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The word of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**Elizabeth McCormick**

**Interlude**

**Homily**

**Patrice Rankine**

**Fix Me Jesus**



**The Apostles Creed**

**said in unison**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of 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.  
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.**

**The Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

**Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Led by Borah Coburn**

Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing.  
God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.  
Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.

God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.  
Help us give our fear, pain, and grief to you.

God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.  
Help us move in concert with your life-giving motion.

Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life,  
especially for those blessings that our present circumstances make difficult to see.

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit,  
that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.  
Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed,  
that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

Bless all who work to improve the health of others,  
that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.

Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them,  
that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.

Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken  
world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your  
kingdom.

You are the Lord whose promises never cease.  
You are the Lord whose presence never fails.

Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw us into the  
very heart of your grace and help us to live into the truth that nothing in all creation can  
separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear people of God, for whom and for what do you pray for?

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Closing Prayer****Led by Asa Swain**

Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:

At every moment of our existence  
you are present to us God in gentle compassion.

Help us to be present to one another  
so that our presence may be a strength that heals our wounds ,  
and gives hope that is for all persons  
through Jesus our compassionate brother. Amen.

**The Benediction**

*Presider*        The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in  
Christ Jesus and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and  
remain with you always.

**Closing Hymn****Sung by all****Dismissal**

*Deacon*        Let us go forth rejoicing in the power Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

*All*                **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Summer Sing Along****Sung by all**