

September 4, 2022

*The Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*



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THE PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

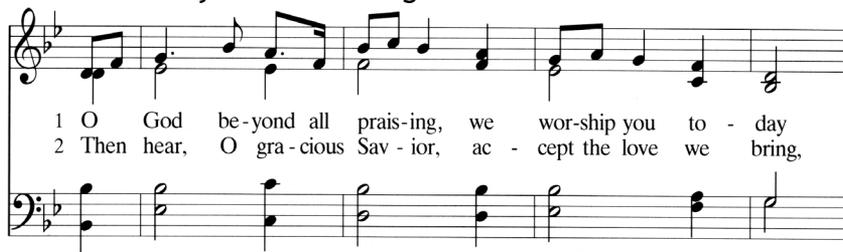
INVOCATION

We come together in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN: "O God beyond All Praising"

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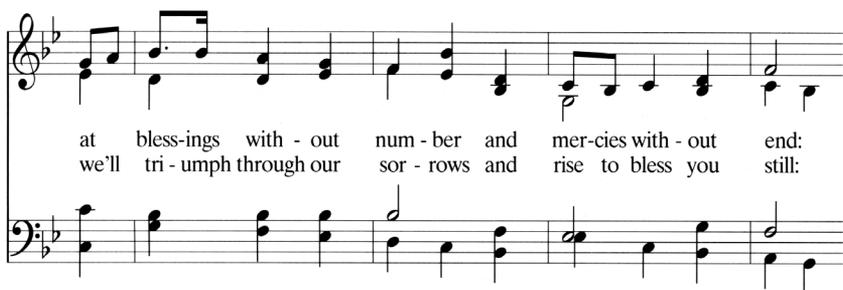
1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty, our sac - ri - fice of praise.

THE GREETING & DIALOG

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;
just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Refrain

Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

♪ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All
 na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,
 for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed. *Refrain*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK: *Transition Team*

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

THE PSALM: *Psalm 1*

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- ² Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked,
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1-21

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our
sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your
house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

4 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith
towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may
do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints
have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command
you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the
basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as
a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have become during my
imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is
indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that
is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me,
so that he might be of service to me in your place during my
imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing
without your consent, in order that your good deed might be
voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason

he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Berry

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

25 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete

it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and

by de- ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from your
Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend your ho-ly Church, that
u-ni-ty on earth; Sup- port us in our fi-nal

Son And bring to nought all he has done.
we May sing your praise tri-um-phant-ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

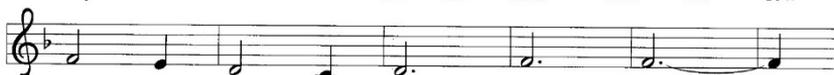
THE SERMON



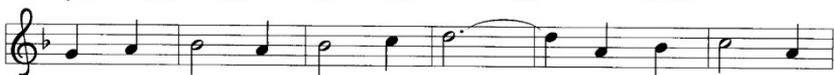
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



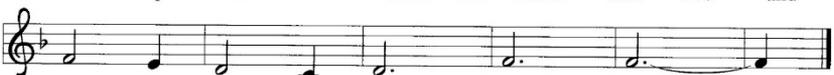
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell.

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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(silence for reflection and self examination.)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,**

To the honor and glory of your holy name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all our sins. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
Agree with one another, live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 3



☐ *(Advent to Transfiguration)* Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Lent to Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
(Season after Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
God, our Creator,
You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,
let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and
all the world.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant
us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and
now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.
 As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro - claim.
 Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.
 Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

- 5 Commit your hearts to seek
 The paths which Christ has trod
 And quickened by the Spirit's power,
 Rise up, O saints of God!

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE