CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

Loving God, the source of strength and peace: Take from us all that inhibits the flow of your Spirit; break down the walls that separate us; with hands of compassion, wash away our fear, resentment, and hardness of heart; enable us to become centered and still, aware of your presence here and now, to heal and to transform. We pray in the spirit of Christ the Healer. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "The Church's one foundation" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings. The Church's foun - da Je - sus Christ her 1. one tion is Lord; E lect from ev - ery na tion, yet one o'er all the earth, 3. Though with scorn - ful a won der, we see her sore op pressed, Mid toil tri - bu la tion, and tu - mult and of her war 5. Yet she on earth hath un ion with God, the Three in One, she wa - ter is his new cre a tion by and the word: sal - va her char - ter of tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; schi - sms rent by a - sun der, by her - e sies dis tressed; she con - sum - ma tion of peace for ev - er more; mys - tic sweet com - mun ion with those whose rest and won. be from heaven he came and sought her to his ho - ly bride; ho - ly bless par - takes one ho - ly one Name she es. food, yet saints their watch are keep ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed, ly! Lord, O hap - py ones and ho give us grace that we with life died. his own blood he bought her. and for her he

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ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY Remain standing.

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE "Heleluyan"

Remain standing; the Choir sings once, then everyone sings two more times.



-Setting: Wonder, Love, and Praise #783

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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*.

FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of Exodus (1:8–2:10).

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124



-Setting: Jerome Webster Meachen.

- If the LORD had not been on our <u>side</u>, * let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our <u>side</u>, * when enemies rose up against us;
- Then would they have swallowed us up a<u>live</u> * in their fierce anger <u>toward us</u>;
- Then would the waters have over<u>whelmed us</u> * and the torrent gone <u>over us</u>;
- ‡ 5 Then would the raging <u>waters</u> * have gone right <u>over us</u>.
 - 6 Blessed be the <u>LORD!</u> *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

- We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the <u>fowler</u>; * the snare is broken, and we have e<u>scaped</u>.
- ‡ 8 Our help is in the Name of the <u>LORD</u>, * the maker of heaven and <u>earth</u>.

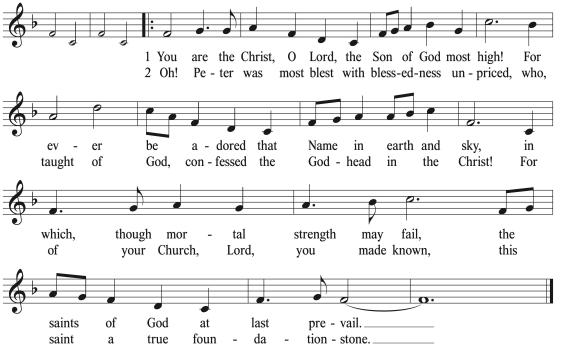
SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (12:1–8).

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "You are the Christ, O Lord" Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.

Music: Wyngate Canon, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921).

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GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:13–20).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Ann Backus for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

SERMON

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.*



-Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

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Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: We remember in our prayers today the joys and concerns of this congregation: those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners who have asked our prayers, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

BEN and SARAH	MARY Davis	ANN McClain	SHAROLYN Sprigg
Alford/Sheppeard	CONNIE & GEORGE	KENT Parish	REBECCA Stapleton
ED Archer	DeWitt	FISHER Patrick	LO Starck
ANNE Bender	DANA & DEWELL	MEGAN Quigley	ALISA Ternes
J.D. & PEGGY Bradley	Downey	MARILYN Randall	DENISE & ROGER Tibedo
BEVERLY Burns	KAREN Downing	KRISSA Randolph	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
PETER Calvert	DOUG Embler	LIZ Rea	MICHELLE Welsh
DAN Conrad	JOE Harrison	NANCYE Reeder	and
GAIL Cox	MARGE Hudson	ALVIN Richards	GRADY Williams

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer for any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth: Mercifully

accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a space.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

PEACE Standing, all who are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

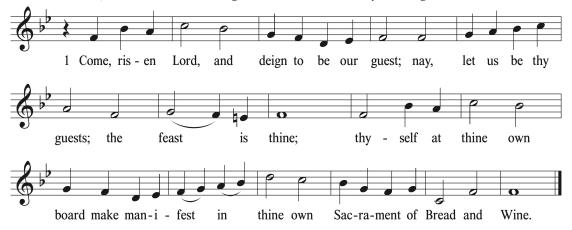
ANTHEM Sung by the Choir.

O Give Thanks

O give thanks unto the Lord, the Lord is good; For his steadfast love endures forever more.

—Words: George Herbert (1593–1632) Music: Joseph Corfe (1740–1820)

HYMN "Come, risen Lord" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: Rosedale, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

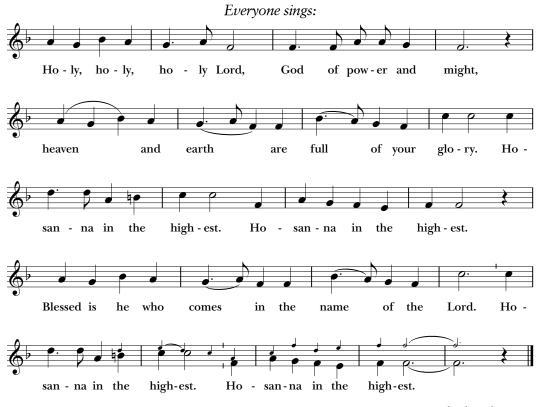
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by your prophets you foretold the coming of your Son Jesus, and by the confession of Peter

you revealed him to the disciples as the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. On this good news, and by faith in him, your Church is built. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who for every sing this boxen to produce the glory of your Name.

heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



-Setting: From A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you

these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

All: 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.

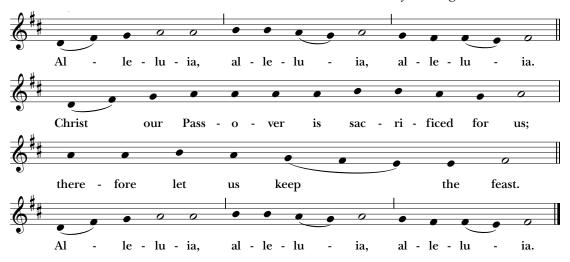
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



-Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

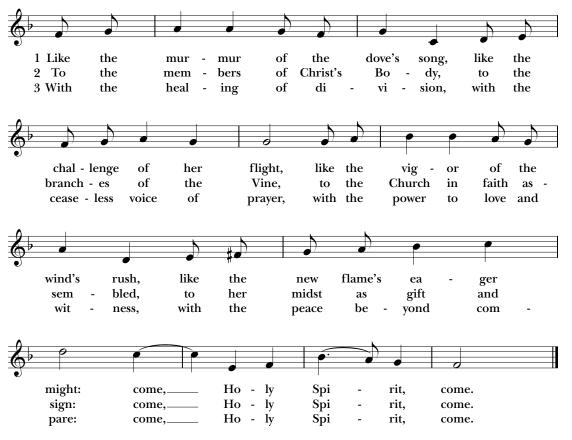
INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.

Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

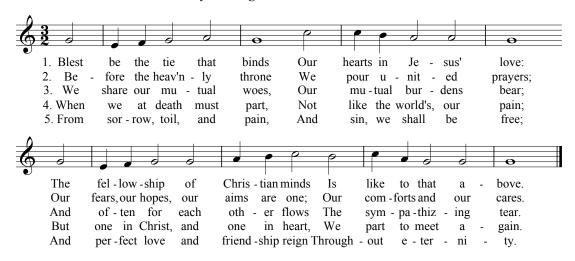
DURING COMMUNION

HYMN "Like the murmur of the dove's song" Everyone sings.



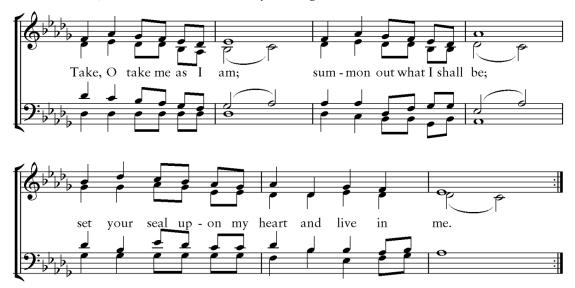
— Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

HYMN "Blest be the tie" *Everyone sings*.



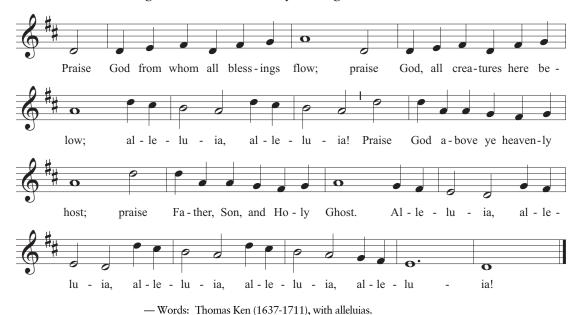
--Words: John Fawcett (1739–1817), alt. Music: *Boylston*, Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

HYMN "Take, O take me as I am" Everyone sings.



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DOXOLOGY Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

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.

BLESSING Remain.

HYMN "Sing praise to God who reigns above" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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