

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator

Serving Today:
Guest Organist – Danny Jack
Greeters / Oblationers – Nancy Steward and Devie Maxwell
Readers / Chalice Bearers – Angela Hooper,
Beverly Bradley and Troy Vance
Acolytes – Ezra Carr, Olive Kate Carr,
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The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Year A

Rite I - Holy Eucharist - August 27, 2023 - 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional The Hymnal, #437

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice. 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One. 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no

secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X) Christ have mercy upon us. (3X) Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Gloria The Hymnal, S204

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our **side**, * let Israel now **say**;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our **side**, * when enemies rose up **against** us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up **alive** * in their fierce anger **toward** us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the **Lord!** * he has not given us over to be a prey for their **teeth**.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the **fowler**; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the **Lord**, * the maker of heaven and **earth**.

The Second Lesson 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #379



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev William Font

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen;

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made; For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the People

Form I BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Poulson our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who

remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People say together

Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Announcements and Ministry Moments

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Bist du, bei mir Stolzel

Doug Rogez, soloist

If you are with me, then I will go gladly unto [my] death and to my rest.

Ah, how pleasing were my end, if your dear hands then shut my faithful eyes!

~ Transition

Doxology The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus The Hymnal, #S114

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.
Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei The Hymnal, S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

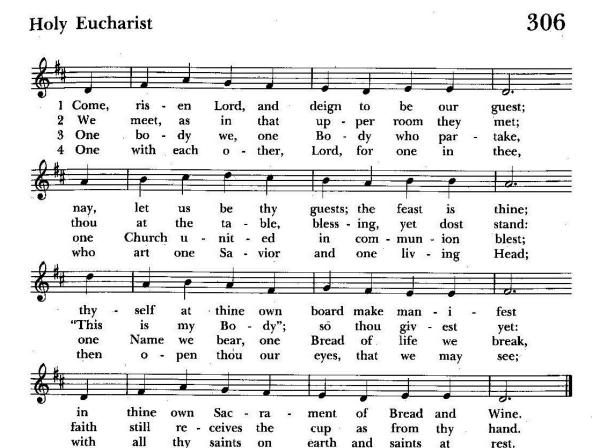
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #306



Post Communion Prayer

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BCP 339

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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Bread.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional The Hymnal, #522

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode; on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings: and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Beverly Bradley Bob Braiden Corbin Brown Lewis Honor Carr Nancy Carr Sir Michael Dawson Stephanie Dunham Dru Ed Sharon Ellington Joyce Ezell Jim Freeman Tom Freeman Myrna Gowman John Greiner Steve Hammontree Jean Inge Judd

Drew Kolb

Sarah Kramer Jean Ledet & Chad Dixon Kara Lynn Ron Marlett Tony Marruchella Leland Mayo Betty & Delbert Millican and Ryan Lightfoot Trish Morgan Paul Mosier Deborah Nelson Joy Nelson The Nichols Family Ashley Ozan Pam **Babette Patton** Patty Penny

Monte Pratt

Mathew Reynolds Kathleen Rhodes Rob, Ruthie and Samuel Adrienne Robertson **Betty Sinclair** Family of Kenneth Sosna John Steward and Lee DeWitt Martha Steward Nancy Steward Ed Tebow Sarah Tracy Tyler and Dru Donna Walters Mary Jo Watson Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

The altar flowers this week are given by Emily Mooney in honor of Lisa Chronister's birthday

We have one Sunday left for the year (November 19) for which we need flowers. If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office.

Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

29 – Lisa Chronister

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Doug Rogez
- 2 Kyle Chai
- 2 Birch Kolb

Announcements

Upcoming Activity Calendar

Sunday, August 27, before and after Church – Photo Shoot for Directory Sunday August 27, 4:30-6:30 pm – Back to School Swim Party Wednesday, August 30, 5:30 – Evening Prayer Saturday, September 2, 1:00 pm – Funeral for David Zachary Nelson Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 pm – First Wednesday Eucharist

On August 27th, from 4:30-6:30pm, the Young Families group will have a Back to School swim party and cookout. The Newberry family will be hosting this event. Come swim and enjoy hotdogs, burgers, salad, chips, salsa, dips, fruit, drinks, and popsicles for the kids. All young families, new and old, are invited to join this fun event.

Schools are back in session and teachers need supplies once again. August needs for Teacher's **Toolbox** include Play-Doh, Kleenex, Crayola crayons, highlighters, and colored pencils.

Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 pm – Choir practice resumes. Welcome back Choir!!!!!

Sunday, September 10 – Ministry and Back to School Fiesta on the lawn (and inside as needed). Tacos, snow cones and other cold treats, bouncy house and information on St. John's Guilds and Ministries. Plan to stay!

Sunday, **September 17** – Sunday School begins – Check the entry bulletin board and Fab Friday for details!