



**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The Liturgy of the Word and Homily**  
**30 August 2020 9:30 AM**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

### **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **The Collect**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

### **The First Lesson**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

*A Reading from Exodus.*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God

of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

**<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

**<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**<sup>4</sup> Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
**his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**  
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**  
23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
**and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**  
24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
**he made them stronger than their enemies;**  
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
**and dealt unjustly with his servants.**  
26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
**and Aaron whom he had chosen.**  
45 **Hallelujah!**

The Epistle

**Romans 12:9-21**

*A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

**Matthew 16:21-28**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to* .

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." *The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Nicene Creed

**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 from God, Light from 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 death 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 in 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.

### Prayers of the People

*Presider:* Just as we feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, let us give prayers for all in danger and need.

*Intercessor:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and Hickman our presbyter, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. **Lord, have mercy.**

For mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples. **Lord, have mercy.**

For students and teachers, and all those returning to their studies. **Lord, have mercy.**

For workers and their organizations, and for those who employ and manage them. **Lord, have mercy.**

For farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the suffering, travelers by land, by water, and by air, prisoners, captives, and their families, and all those in desperate need. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our communities and those who live in them, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the ever blessed Mary the God-bearer, blessed James, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Presider:* God of glory, who calls us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, hear the prayers we offer this day and so transform the peoples of this earth that they may know your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept for a while.* **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.**

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 Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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 Blessing

Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep draw you and all who hear his voice to be one within one fold and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**