

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Gathering

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A Welcoming Community Making Christ Known Through Worship and Service

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

- ♦ **Breathe**
- ♦ **Ponder:** Whom did you bring with you on your heart today? For what or whom are you feeling thankful? What is making you anxious today? What do you need to confess today?
- ♦ **Be still**, empty your hands, empty your mind, let sounds pass you, wait upon God.

Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregational responses are indented and in bold.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

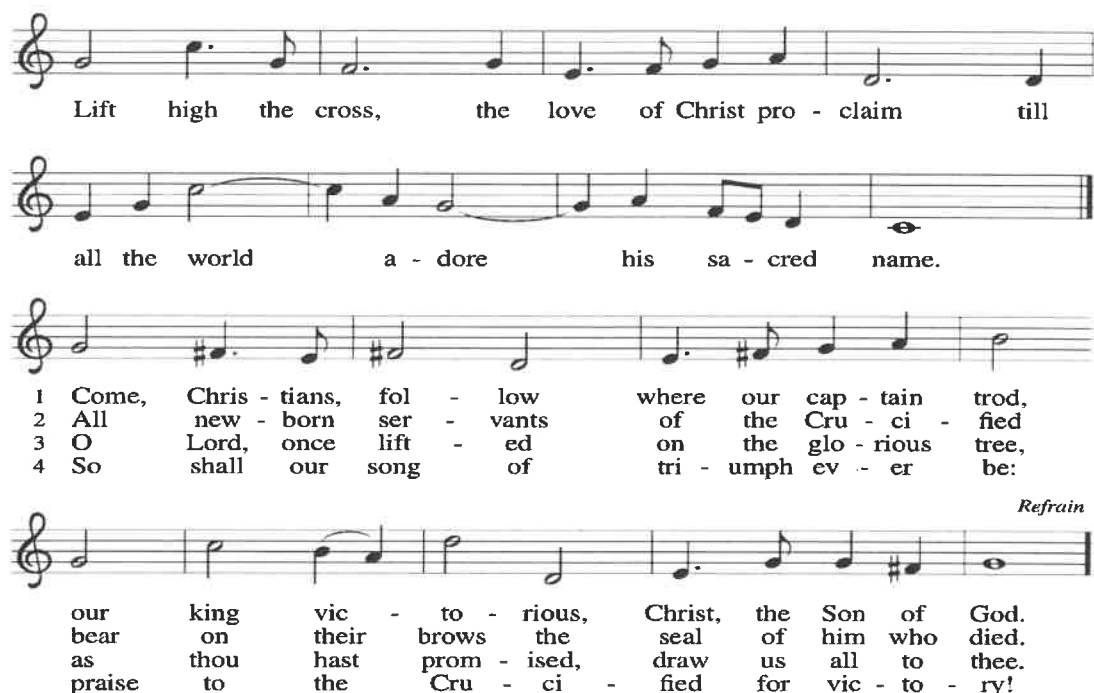
Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



READING: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Philemon the first chapter

¹Paul, 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:

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

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward 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.

⁸For 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 forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So 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.

²²One thing more — prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. ²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Nicole Schwalbe

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Response:* Hear our prayer.

BAPTISM

Meal

OFFERING *The giving of our time, talents, and money to the work of Christ's Church is an act of worship.
As God has blessed us, let us return thanks to Him.*

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as he comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

BLESSING *All Stand*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Sending

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Strength

Edith Atwell
Albert Burkhardt
The Carroll Family

Lynn Dagata
Janet Delgado
Gabe DeMaria
Astrid Grossmann
Jason Haley
Karl Hurowitz
Ryan Lynch
Marty Massey
Dr. Les Prusnofsky
First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Bennett
Carmen Green
Nicole Hetzer
Jim Oliveto
Justin Ortega
Sean Hudgins
Jesse Fritz

Sister Congregation

Epiphany Bayamón