



13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

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Welcome

Gathering Song

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bring the burden of our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of all mercy,

C: we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.

We lament the evil that holds us captive and the evil done on our behalf.

**Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our
Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God,
and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A reading from Isaiah 51:1-6

L: Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek God. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for Abraham was but one when I called him, but I blessed Abraham and Sarah and made them many. For God will comfort Zion; God will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden God created; joy and gladness will be found in Zion, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A reading from Psalm 12:1-8

L: I appeal to you therefore, my dear siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your lives as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, 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;

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ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20

P: 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 the disciples said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus 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 Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Susan Kirlin-Hackett

Song of the Day

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Centering for Prayers

O God, We Call

ACS 1075



Prayers of Intercession

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Special Music

Offering

Presentation of Gifts

Offering Prayer

- P: Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest,
for your gifts in this land.
- C: **Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

- P: Holy God, you alone are Majesty, you alone are Sovereign.
Within the vast reaches you brought into being, you formed our star and this planet:
purple mountains, fruited plains, crystal waters, towering forests.
- C: **Here you fashioned human beings in our infinite variety and hue,
yet each one created equal, to care for one another and our earthly home.**
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: God, shed your grace on us. Shower your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on your people gathered this day.
- C: **Ignite in us the flame of freedom, freedom from prejudice, from supremacy,
from fear; freedom for acceptance, for welcome, for the shalom that you have
first shown to us.**
- P: Faithful God, loving God: Your Majesty shines forth in weakness.
Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross.
Yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the everlasting kingdom,
the peaceable power, and the humble glory, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

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 ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and know that God is good to all.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song I	<i>For the Bread</i>	ELW 494
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Communion Song II	<i>What Feast of Love</i>	ELW 487
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Blessing after Communion

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us.

C: **Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, + one God,
bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

C: Amen.

Sending Song	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	ELW 547
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Ruud.

Assisting in Worship

Pastor of Faith Formation	Pastor Bridget Misare
Pastor of Care	Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett
Preacher	Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett
Director of Music	Katie Walda
Organist / Pianist	Katie Walda
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