

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020



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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 401 (vs. 1&5)

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise

5 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People together

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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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 Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Presider Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Presider and People

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with
psalms. For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 26:1-8

Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 136

I have decided to follow Jesus

1 I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.

2 Though none go with me, I still will
follow; though none go with me, I still
will follow; though none go with me,
I still will follow; no turning back, no
turning back.

3 The world behind me, the cross
before me; the world behind me, the
cross before me, the world behind me,
the cross before me; no turning back,
no turning back.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

People **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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again 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.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider **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.**

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 450 (vs. 1,3&6)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

BCP 102

Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit
People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Donna Wrinkle with Thanksgiving for their granddaughter, Cassidy Kohl, on her 19th birthday.

Prayer List

Walt, Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

Mary Helen McBride	8/23
Foster Peterson	8/30
Beth Brady	9/4

Anniversaries

Bob & Gail Brancheau	8/31
David & Elizabeth Still	8/31
Bill & Irene Butcher	9/4

***Important NEW COVID-19 Guidelines & Info for limited In-person worship & group gatherings**

The diocese has come out with some updated gathering documents this past week. While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Phase One re-opening at ECA: [Click Here](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

COMING SOON!!! Bingo Night via Virtual Online Gathering! Wednesday Sep 2nd at 7:00pm

We are happy to announce, as a way of staying connected in these trying times, we will be offering a virtual online ECA Bingo night. The virtual platform is through Zoom (and it is very easy to do). Vestry members had a practice run and they had a **BLAST** with one another and enjoyed the evening as a way of connecting and fun. The first time we host it with the parish, we will have up to 30 people play with 2 cards, up to 6 games. Please contact Penny Capawana by email at pcapawana@gmail.com and she will send you the invite link. We look forward to seeing you at a virtual ECA Bingo night soon.

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested.

Adult Christian Formation class Sundays at 10:30a.m. via Zoom

Those who are interested can participate in our Adult Christian formation class via Zoom at 10:30 am. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

LAST CALL - New Online Directory: Please Check your Information (or request to be added)

We are asking that you review TWO items in the directory:

1. Your general information (name, address, phone, etc.).
2. Birthday and Anniversary dates (listed on the last few pages of the directory- please scroll down). There are several families without BD & Anniversary dates listed.

Additionally, if you would like to update or add a photo, you may upload that yourself here. Simply take a selfie and upload! [Click here to upload a photo](#). To view the new directory (password is required, please email: ecaparish@gmail.com to request the password) [Click here](#).

Father Paul Continues to make Pastoral Calls during COVID-19 as Needed

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds virtually via telephone calls and online check-ins. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, or simply a virtual visit, please contact Fr. Paul directly at 770-490-7234 or by email at pcm09@bellsouth.net. Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

Pavilion Update: Site work is being Done. We go in front of Cobb County Site Plan review this week.

We have begun working on the site area for our outdoor pavilion and we are looking forward to moving ahead with the project. We ask that you please refrain from going to the church to see what is happening. We will keep the parish updated as work progresses. We do not have an end date for the project to be completed because we have to order materials and we have been told there is a 4-6 week wait period due to COVID-19. We are excited about this next phase and look forward to its completion. We are very blessed, and we thank all those who have contributed to the project to help make it happen.

Several Ways to Give During the Temporary Change in Activities and Worship

During the next few weeks we will not be able to gather in person at ECA. Unfortunately, our bills still come due. Please consider ways to give in your absence. For your convenience, ECA now offers online giving. It's fast and easy! Please note, there is a 2.2% fee plus \$0.30 per transaction the church incurs. Simply click the "Online Giving" button on our website and designate what your funds are for. You can also set up Check Pay through your bank and designate to ECA. Additionally, you may mail your check or take it to the church and place in the securely locked mailbox at the street; address is 1673 Jamerson Rd. Marietta, GA 30066. We greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times!

Financial Report and Giving Statements have been sent out, contact office with any concerns or questions
 Every Month we will make available our year to date financial results. Currently, for the year we are in good financial shape. The finance committee, in conjunction with the Vestry, has been paying close attention to our expenses during the current hardships we are facing with no in-person services at ECA. We are \$7,958 below projected revenue with pledge and non-pledge income and plate collection revenues. Since our expenses are down, we are in positive scenario with income/expenses. Thank you for your continued financial support during these difficult times!

<u>(YTD) Through July 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$128,073	\$136,030	(\$7,958)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$126,010	\$137,013	\$11,003
<u>Net Year to date</u>	(\$2,063)	(\$983)	\$3,045

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