



**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 21, 2021**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Opening Hymn “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty”**

**Hymnal 362**

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

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** 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**

**Hymnal S-280**

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 FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** 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.*

## THE LESSONS

### **The First Lesson: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43**

**Reader:** Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. “Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 84**

**Reader:** How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

**People:** My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**Reader:** The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

**People:** by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**Reader:** Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

**People:** they will always be praising you.

**Reader:** Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

**People:** whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Reader:** Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

**People:** for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**Reader:** They will climb from height to height, \*

**People:** and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

**Reader:** LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*

**People:** hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Reader:** Behold our defender, O God; \*

**People:** and look upon the face of your Anointed.

**Reader:** For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*

**People:** and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**Reader:** For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*

**People:** he will give grace and glory;

**Reader:** No good thing will the LORD withhold \*

**People:** from those who walk with integrity.

**Reader:** O LORD of hosts, \*

**People:** happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20**

**Reader:** Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Hymn “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”**

**Hymn 488**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

### **John 6:56-69**

**Narrator:** Jesus said to the people,

**Jesus:** “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

**Narrator:** He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

**Disciple:** “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”

**Narrator:** But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them,

**Jesus:** “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.”

**Narrator:** For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And then Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

**Narrator:** Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve,

**Jesus:** “Do you also wish to go away?”

**Narrator:** Simon Peter answered Jesus,

**Simon Peter:** “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

#### **Prayers of the People, Form III**

**Reader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

**Reader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Reader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Reader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Reader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Reader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Reader:** Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Reader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others with a moment of silence.

**(Moment of Silence)**

### **Reading of Names**

#### **Prayer for the Nation**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty God, we commend our nation to your great mercy. Remind us that we must account to you for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States, and especially their officials and representatives, that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **Prayer for the Church Universal**

**Celebrant and People:** Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen.*

#### **Prayer for Church of Our Redeemer**

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

**Celebrant:** 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

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### Announcements

At the Presentation “Doxology” (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

### THE HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### Prayer of Humble Access

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

### Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:** Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

**Celebrant:** Go forth on this day with the peace of the risen life of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and all you love this day and forever more. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymnal 376

## THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:*** Thanks be to God.

## SERVING TODAY

**Altar Guild:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:**

**Pianist:** *EJ Cochran*

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them  
Curtis Prins  
Patrick Farragher  
Althea Prins  
Fred & John Warren  
The Cain & Todd Families  
Barbara Wooten  
Stella Waltemeire  
The Hollinger Family  
Bob Stewart  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula

Kathy  
Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Gwenivere Black  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*