Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 17A
Service of the Word
August 30, 2020 - 9:30 am
The Liturgy of the Word begins on page 355 of
The Book of Common Prayer

Prelude Music
Prelude in C
J.S. Bach

Processional
The God of Abraham praise
Hymn #401

1. The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; The
2. Your Spirit still flows free, High surging where it will; In
3. You have eternal life implanted in the soul; Your

1. ancient of eternal days, The God of love! The
2. prophet's word you spoke of old And you speak still. Es-
3. love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll. We

1. Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heav'n confessed, We
2. established is your law, And changeless it shall stand, Deep
3. praise you, living God! We praise your holy name; The

1. bow before your holy name, Forever blessed.
2. writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.
3. first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

Text: 6 6 8 4 D; Daniel ben Judah, 1404; trans. by Max Landesberg and Newton Mann, 1885, alt.
Music: Hebrew melody, adapted by Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770.
Celebrant
Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

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.

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

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
   make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
   and speak of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy Name; *
   let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
4 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 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.

The Gospel

Priest or Deacon       The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People       Glory to you Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:21-28

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 the Lord.

People       Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dianne Andrews
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 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 Peace

Birthday Blessing
Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Offertory Sentence

With grateful hearts, we give what we can.
In joyful hope, we give for what can be.

In this moment, we take time virtually to pass the offering plate
that represents our gifts, our hopes, and our prayers
offered in gratitude to our Creator and in thanksgiving for this community.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated.
On-line giving is always an option. You will find the “Give to St. Paul’s” button
at the top of the St. Paul’s website homepage: www.stpaulspt.org

Offertory Hymn

Where charity and love prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be his the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
As members of his Body joined we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s Name;
Our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

Confession

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, resisting your will in our lives.
We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other and in the world which you have made. Reach
out your saving arm and rescue us from our sin. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our
Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will, for your people and all
creation. Amen

Absolution
Prayers of the People

Let us pray for deep peace and healing for ourselves, our relationships, our nation, and the world, responding to each petition:

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for our human family. Teach us to live in unity and peace that, together, we serve one another and care for the good creation you have entrusted to us.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church, the glorious, living tapestry that is the Body of Christ. Open us to the teachings of your Spirit that we may live in truth, peace, faith, hope, and love.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Pour out your Spirit on this community of St. Paul’s filling us with your light and love. Help us to serve the community of which we are a part, that we may be your hands, heart, and voice in the world.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose names we offer now:

<em>Silence</em>

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are injured or displaced because of hurricanes, fires, or other natural disasters.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

Deepen our compassion for all those who suffer from any grief or trouble:

- For those who are lonely, anxious, or depressed. For those without communities of support. For parents who are exhausted, and for children and young people who feel helpless, sad, and isolated.

- For those who are sheltering-at-home with their abusers, and for all for whom home is not a place of safety.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are dying, for those who have died, for all who mourn, and for those who offer comfort.

<em>silence</em>

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**
We pray for all who serve to provide for our needs, to care for us, and to serve our communities.

We pray for firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers. For doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals. For those who serve in the armed forces, especially those who have been called to help fight the virus.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that they may serve the greater good, for your people and all creation.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Nation as we are forced to wrestle with long-standing inequities and racism. Help us to resist the temptation to look away and give us strength to do our part to heal the wounds of long-standing injustice. Give us the courage to speak out, the humility and compassion to listen, and the patience, perseverance and will to become the Beloved Community.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for solidarity and unity among all peoples. For a greater appreciation and love of all of humanity. For calm amidst fear, for hope in times of despair.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life...

*silence*

We give thanks to you for your good gifts.

God of love and mercy.... **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen**

**Blessing**
Closing Hymn  

Take up your cross, the Savior said  

Hymn #675

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Dismissal

Let us go forth from this time of worship to continue the work we have been given to do: to reach out, to love, and to serve in the name of risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We go forth saying:  **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude  
Prelude in F  
J.S. Bach

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