

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**Prelude**      *The Lord is my shepherd*      H. Goodall    Perf. By The Smith Ensemble

**Opening Hymn**    *Morning has broken*      Perf. By Cat Stevens

**Celebrant**      Blessed by God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier  
    *People*      And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*  
    The Lord be with you  
    *People* And also with you  
**Celebrant**    Let us pray

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.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

#### 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.

*The Reader may say*

If you were content Lord, you would not bother us; but you are restless.

*People: May your restlessness be born in us, that you upset our easiness and require us to respond.*

**Canticle**    *Make me a servant*    K. Willard

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.

### **A Reading from the Epistles of the Early Church**

#### **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 Reader may say*

Use me, O Lord, for the work you have me do.

*People: And taking me, help me not to resist you.*

**Gradual**     *Take my life and let it be*

#### **The Holy Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16: 21 - 28)

*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."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**            Rev. Ken Phelps, Jr.

**An Affirmation of Faith**    *(New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)*

Celebrant:    We are not alone, we live in God's world.

*People:*        *We believe in God: Who has created and is creating,*

*Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh,*

*to reconcile and make new,*

*Who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:*

*To celebrate God's presence,*

*To love and to serve others,*

*To seek justice and resist evil,*

*To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.*

*We are not alone. Thanks be to God.*

## An Invitation to Repentance

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and people:*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world that you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 Prayers of the People

Inspired by the Spirit, we offer our prayers to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the ministers of the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Robert our Bishops, Ken and Lisa, our clergy, Betsy, our clergy emeritus. Kip, Patrick, Deb, Tom and Barbara, our wardens, Steve, our treasurer; for our vestry and other mission leaders, and for those who serve the church at St Mary's, Woodlawn; St Peter's, Ellicott City; and, St Paul's, Mt. Airy; and, for Melvin E. Truiett, John G. Earls, and Michelle S. Doran     *Silence*  
we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For every member of the human family, that we be guided to all truth by the Spirit of truth     *Silence*     we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the stewards of the earth, and for the renewed witness to the gospel among people serving in positions of public trust, especially for Donald, President of the United States, Larry, Governor of the State of Maryland, and those who serve us in County and State; that all accept creation as a wondrous gift, and work to preserve its beauty, and the dignity and respect of all creatures great and small     *Silence*     we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who celebrate community here, that our labors spread joy and our witness brings peace        *Silence*        we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all the sick and suffering, the lonely and the dying, especially all others we raise before you...

*(Members are encouraged to pray silently or aloud for those known and unknown to our community. When all petitions have been offered, and a period of silence has been kept, the leader continues...)*

That their affliction lead to endurance, their endurance to virtue, and their virtue to hope        *Silence*        we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who have died, especially Millie Miller, Alberta Watson and for those who mourn them    *Silence*    we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who are in any way affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Comfort and sustain those who have been stricken; relieve their pain and restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength. Grant to all in authority the courage to make wise decisions that are essential for the common good and strengthen them to lead institutions that care for those whom they serve. Watch over all first responders and those in the medical professions whose duty it is to care for the sick; guard them from all danger, and keep them safe in the knowledge that is through their sacrifice and service that the health of the whole community is promoted,        *Silence*        we pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence. In particular, today we remember Jacob Blake, beloved child of God, and pray for his healing. We remember his family and friends, beloved children of God each one. We remember the residents of Kenosha, beloved children of God, who have seen their community disrupted by this horrific event. We remember the protestors, beloved children of God; those who have marched, and those are still gathering across that city, the state, and the country to demand justice and change. We remember those residents, beloved children of God, who have seen their neighborhood host terrifying violence and astonishing destruction. We remember those who have watched their livelihoods and places of work go up in flames. We remember the others killed during the riots of this past week, beloved children of God, as of yet unnamed, their stories unknown. We

remember our Black brothers and sisters, beloved children of God, groaning under the weight of redlining, segregation, underfunded schools, unequal economic opportunity, indignity, and ever-present fear. We remember our public officials, beloved children of God, managing a global pandemic and the grief and anger in our communities. We remember our police officers, beloved children of God, whom we ask, often without appropriate training, to respond to human beings in their worst and most vulnerable moments. We remember the police officers who feel their loyalties divided or their cause unclear, beloved children of God who feel afraid for themselves, their partners, their families, and their fellow citizens. We remember those who have pledged their lives to racist ideologies, beloved children of God. We acknowledge the pain they have caused to victims of violence, to their communities, to their families, and to their own souls. We know that the sickness of racism is in this nation's very bedrock and we beg your mercy to free all your people from it. Help us turn away from this sin of division and toward your all-encompassing love. *Silence*  
we pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, from whom good things flow, we thank you and bless you. Answer our prayers and bring us hope through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you*

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

The Offertory      *One Love*      R. Marley

Celebrant: Lord God, in the service of your Kingdom, grant us the peace we may have, show us the peace we should seek.

*People: And give us the strength to do without, especially the peace we must forego for Jesus' sake.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People:*           *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant:*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:*           *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Author of all that is good and holy. For by water and the Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your love and reconciliation in all the world. Therefore, with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of the children of Abraham to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is God's new Covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we acclaim you, O Christ,

*Celebrant and People:*

This is the death we celebrate   This is the new life we proclaim  
This is the vision we live



*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: We are one people; one body in Christ, for we eat of  
one loaf and drink from one cup.

*People: Thank you, gracious God, for the food that makes us one with  
you, and one with each other*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and

thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

### **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**      *Will you come and follow me (The Summons)*      J. Bell

### **Dismissal**