



## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

10am

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
~ John 6:68*

### Prelude

**Entrance Hymn** #47 ~ *On this Day of the First Days* (verses 1-3 & 6)

On this day, the first of days,  
God the Father's Name we praise,  
who, creation's Lord and spring,  
did the world from darkness bring.

On this day the eternal Son  
over death his triumph won;  
on this day the Spirit came  
with his gifts of living flame.

Maker, who didst fashion me  
image of thyself to be,  
fill me with thy love divine,  
let my every thought be thine.

God, the blessèd Three in One,  
dwell within my heart alone;  
thou dost give thyself to me,  
help me give myself to thee.

*Leader:* Let us awaken from the deep night of the soul,  
*People:* **For God is dawning on the world like morning light.**  
*Leader:* Like the sun dancing forth on a cloudless morning.  
*People:* **Let us turn to the east with joy on our lips.**  
*All:* **May God's face shine upon us, and give us peace.**

### **Opening Sentences**

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.

### **The Gloria**

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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**

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.

### **Old Testament**

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

[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.

### **The Psalm**

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 **The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \***  
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \***  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 **They will climb from height to height, \***  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

### **The Epistle**

Ephesians 6:10-20

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.

**Gospel Hymn**      #445 ~ *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;

and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

### **The Gospel**

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "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." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "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."

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Ginger Solaqua**

### **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 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.

### Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, as Christ offered himself for the life of the world, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Merciful God, hear our prayer.

God, we pray for the church in every land; confirm in the hearts of Jesus' disciples a will to serve you by loving their neighbors and doing good to their enemies.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God, we pray for those who lead the church; guide Bishops, clergy, and all lay ministers who order the life of Christian community and strengthen them to be faithful in their calling and humble service. We lift up particularly our Bishops Alan, Gayle, and Bud and those who lead the churches throughout the world.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God, we pray for those who govern the nations and exercise authority in civic life: give our governing officials wisdom in the ways of peace and justice and a determination to pursue the common good. For our President, Joe, for our Governor, Charlie, for our town selectmen and the rulers of every nation and city.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God we pray for the sick those living in poverty and under oppression (particularly....); help those who are in trouble and stir up in your church a desire to be your instruments in relief of human misery. For those in need,

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God we pray for our planet Earth: give us the grace and courage to exercise good stewardship of this planet. Let Earth yield an abundance of fruit for the flourishing of every creature and give humankind the will to use its resources wisely. For the good earth,

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people and grant that what we ask in faith we may receive according to your gracious love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant your church understanding and discernment to faithfully carry out your mission in the world.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

Cause us to walk in wisdom concerning your creation, mindfully stewarding its provision for all living creatures.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

Give those who govern wise and discerning minds, that your way of justice and compassion may prevail among the nations.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

Provide food for the hungry, hope for the despairing, and wisdom for the wandering.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

Help us make the most of the time, walking in your ways, filled with your Spirit, living out your will.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

In your steadfast love, let your wisdom uphold those we remember now aloud or in our hearts, particularly Norman K. Monroe, Florence & Robert Fenna, and Adeline & John Monroe.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

We give you thanks for our ancestors, the great people you have chosen in all generations, who now rest with you.

You have redeemed your people. **Holy and Awesome is your name.**

Holy and awesome God, you are the answer to our prayers: through Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us confess our sins to the One who hears our voice and is deeply moved by our distress.

*Silence*

*Minister 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.**

*Officiant* 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

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3 only

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

In this prayer, the lines in *italics* are spoken by the People.

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Officiant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Officiant 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.**

*Officiant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

### The 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, 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.

### Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S 155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

### Distribution of Communion

### Communion Anthem

## Post-communion Prayer

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*People* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing

Closing Hymn #7 ~ *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

### Weekly Prayer List

The Peoples of Afghanistan and Haiti, Maureen Burke, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Janet Dunton, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Jim Errico, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Scott French, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Daniel Hashem, Estelle Heath, Bruce Higgins, Sandy Hoelzl, Janet Horrigan, Jean Kelly-Smith, (Baby) Autumn Ladder-Bush, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Lisa Lancaster, Matt, Lori M., Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Gordon Noseworthy, Bill St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Bo Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Meghan Tapley, Walter, Susan Webb, and Rachel.

### Announcement

#### Counting

Just a reminder that we will be counting next Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> - kindly forward any memorial gifts, pledges, or other contributions beforehand. As always, we are grateful for generous support.

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. Ginger Solaqua, Guest Priest ~ Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
John Rogalski, Worship Leader

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