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# The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 2022

## The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

*Morning Prayer*

DeGeorge

423 Hymn

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

St. Denio

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

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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.***

S280 *Gloria in excelsis*

Powell

***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 of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### **The First Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11**

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17** (*all chant the psalm on the following tone*)



<sup>1</sup> LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts  
from a far.

<sup>2</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

- <sup>3</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- <sup>4</sup> You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- <sup>12</sup> For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>13</sup> I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- <sup>14</sup> My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>15</sup> Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- <sup>16</sup> How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- <sup>17</sup> If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

### **The Epistle    Philemon 1-21**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus  
our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of  
your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that  
the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the  
good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and  
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been  
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do  
your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul,  
do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am  
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during

my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God***

*The people may stand.*

**675 Hymn**

***Take up your cross, the Savior said***

Bourbon

### **The Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-33**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## **The Sermon**

*The people may stand.*

## **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.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

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

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

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially, ***John***

***Tolbert, Rendol Cobb, Julia Credle, Peggy Parker, Rita Hoggard, Daniel Perry,***

***Steve Wilson, Betty Hayden, Connie Boyd, Jim and Nancy Davis, Amber Dunlow,***

***Mimi Silver, Bill Pridgen, and others known to us;***

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

Give to the departed eternal rest;

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

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People* ***And also with you.***      *(Please stay in your pew.)*

## **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

Stebbens

**321 Hymn**

***My God, thy table now is spread***

Rockingham

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest says*

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 him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***S 129 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

*Powell*

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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."



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

***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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

### **S154 Fraction Anthem**

*Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

***People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

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.

### **Ministration of Communion**

*The bread and the wine will be offered in stations near the chancel steps. After the choir receives communion, the lectern side will receive first. Everyone should use the lectern side of the aisle going to communion; use the pulpit side of the aisle going back to your seat. We are using biodegradable cups for the wine. Please pick up your own cup, step away from the table, and then deposit the cup into the trash can located in the first pew. Please let an usher know if you prefer to have communion brought to you.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

***Loving God,***

***we give you thanks for restoring us in your image***

***and nourishing us with spiritual food***

***in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.***

***Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;***

***that we may proclaim your love to the world***

***and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**345 Hymn**                      ***Savior, again to thy dear name we raise***

Ellers

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them*

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

**Postlude**

*O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

arr. Ford

## **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jim Horton

**Organist/choir director:** Tom Parker

**Lector:** Jane Hall

**Ushers:** Free Perry, Norman Perry

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Cooper, Jane Hall, Cham Trowell

**Hostesses:** Jaquelin Perry, Gina Rascoe

**Counters:** Dean Fisk, Jane Hall

**Eucharistic Minister:** Shirley Cooper

## **Announcements**

CB Guess is currently working to update the Church Directory. She will be contacting church members via email. Please be on the lookout for an email from her - her email address is [edenhouse3@gmail.com](mailto:edenhouse3@gmail.com)

Don't forget to contact The Opportunity Shop for all your dry cleaning needs, 794-5595. They are using Rochelle Cleaners of Edenton.

All announcements to be included in the weekly bulletin may be sent to CB Guess at [edenhouse3@gmail.com](mailto:edenhouse3@gmail.com) by Wednesdays at noon.

To add or remove a name from the church's prayer list, please email Tom Parker at [tparker27804@aol.com](mailto:tparker27804@aol.com).

