

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 30 August 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn 524 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

- 1 I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
- 2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
- 3 Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
- 4 Jesus, thou friend divine, our Savior and our King, thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.
- 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

Opening Sentences

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis Deo

metrical version

- 1 Glory to God on high And peace to all on earth; Lord God, almighty Father, King, We praise you for your worth.
- 2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, You take our sin away; Now seated at the Father's side, Have mercy when we pray.
- 3 You are the Holy One, Most High, Lord Christ, alone, You and the Holy Spirit with The Father on the throne.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. The Celebrant says the Collect for the Day

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah 15:15-21 The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 26:1-8 read in unison

- 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.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans. Romans 12:9-21 The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 441 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me, lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.
- 5 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] Matthew 16:21-28 The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon silence for reflection follows the sermon

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

The Leader concludes each petition: Lord, hear us.

And the People respond: Lord, graciously hear us.

Confession and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

The Priest offers the Absolution

The Peace Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 450 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all! the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all! ...
- 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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