

# Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021 9:00 AM

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of life."*

~ John 6:68 ~

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today. Please follow along with the following order of service; **the parts to be said together are in bold**. All participation is optional and all are welcome at Christ's Table for Holy Communion. Please join us afterward for Coffee, Cake, and Conversation outdoors!

*The People may stand as the service begins*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath breath come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.*

*Presider*        Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*         **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.**

*The People may be seated for the readings*

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA (24:1-2a, 14-18)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 34, VERSES 15-22

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*

**and his ears are open to their cry.**

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*

**to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*

**and delivers them from all their troubles.**

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*

**and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*

**but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.**

He will keep safe all his bones; \*

**not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked, \*

**and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*

**and none will be punished who trust in him.**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE SAINTS IN EPHESUS (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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The People may stand for the Gospel*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Mary Johnson, cantor*

*Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN [6:56-69]

*The People respond: Glory to you Lord Christ*

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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People may be seated*

## HOMILY

*The Rev. John Elliott Lein*

*The People may stand and say together this ancient affirmation of our collective tradition*

## 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

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, saying "Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**"

O Lord, be glorified in your church. Give us faith to trust in you, that we might always believe the truth of your word.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, look in mercy upon your children. Inspire understanding in those who do not yet seek your ways, and guide us in the ways of your justice.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Lord Christ, you tamed the raging of the sea and the strength of the wind. We pray you to shield our crops from drought and heat; bless our fields and waters from the heavens.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, we hold in our hearts all victims of violence—especially those whose lives are devastated by gun violence. May they, and those who love them, comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of your comforting love.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Jesus, you said to your disciples, “It is I; be not afraid.” Comfort all who are in trouble, need, or sickness, especially those we now name, silently or aloud . . .

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O God, you have gathered as your family those on heaven and earth. We pray for those who have died that they may rest in your eternal presence, and we pray that we ourselves may live this life on earth with joy and courage before joining your saints forever.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Let us say together:

**O God, as we begin new ministry with Father John, Miriam, Elise, Will, Seth, and Dietrich, may your love be present in all aspects of our ministry. When you speak there is light and life; when you act there is justice and love: Grant that all we say and all we do may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*The People may stand or kneel*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

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

*The People may greet one another with Peace.*

*During this time of pandemic please refrain from physical contact.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*“...the purpose of Eucharist is not to change bread and wine, but to change you and me: through baptism and eucharist it is we who are to become Christ for one another, and a sign to the world that is yet to hear his name. That is what Christian liturgy is all about, because that is what Christianity is all about.” — Archmandrite Fr. Robert Taft, S.J.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *How Great Thou Art*

*Mary Johnson, soloist*

*The People may stand*

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

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People may stand or kneel*

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 Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. 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 for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator 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 Christ in his self-offering, 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 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 FRACTION**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive at Christ's Table. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.  
Gluten-free communion is available on request.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Jeff Lukas*

*The People may stand or kneel*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and Loving God, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living things; fill our lives with the light of your Holy Spirit until they overflow with gladness and gratitude; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, fill your hearts with the love of God. And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

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*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Please join us for **coffee, cake, and conversation** outside to the right of the church*

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. John Elliott Lein
<i>Eucharistic Minister:</i>	Steve Howe
<i>Lector:</i>	Lisa Ruggiero
<i>Musicians:</i>	Jeff Lukas, Mary Johnson
<i>Ushers:</i>	Andrew Yaroshefski, Peach Warren
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Ruth Warner
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<i>Vestry Liaison:</i>	Ann Marie Lockwood