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# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 22, 2021*

## The Holy Eucharist The Word of God



#440 | "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

**Prelude**      **Adagio, Sonata No. 1 for Organ**  
*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

**Processional Hymn** (*Please stand as able*)      *Please see page 8*

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

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

*Celebrant*      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.***

**Canticle of Praise:** *Glory to God*

*Hymnal S280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth.      2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - shipyou, we give you thanks, we  
 praiseyou for your glo - ry.      3. LordJe - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord

God, Lamb of God, 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you alone are the Ho-ly One, you alone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays 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, forever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**First Reading** (*Please be seated*)

*Reader* A Reading from Joshua:

**Introduction to the First Reading**

*Covenant means "agreement" or "alliance." This is the primary word used to describe the relationship between God and God's people, Israel. The ceremony reported in this reading may have been an annual renewal of this covenant.*

**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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 34:15-22** *(Please read responsively)*

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

**Second Reading**

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

*Introduction to the Second Reading*

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

*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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *(Please stand as able) - Please see page 9*

#655 | "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John:

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

**The Holy 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."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE SERMON

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*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** *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,  
***hear our prayer.***

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,  
***hear our prayer.***

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

*(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)*

### **The Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

*Reader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

*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.**

### **The Absolution**

*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 Peace** *(Please stand as able)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **The Holy Communion**

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.*

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:*

*The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR*

*Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

### **Offertory Sentence & Interlude**

**Doxology** *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung. Please stand as able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all crea- tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

#644 | "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Please see page 10*

# 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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, 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:

**Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hos - san - na in the High-est.

*The people may kneel as able, or be seated. 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

***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.***

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,** *as we forgive those*  
*hallowed be thy Name,* *who trespass against us.*  
*thy kingdom come,* *And lead us not into temptation,*  
*thy will be done,* *but deliver us from evil.*  
*on earth as it is in heaven.* *For thine is the kingdom,*  
**Give us this day our daily bread.** *and the power, and the glory,*  
**And forgive us our trespasses,** *for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**  
*Celebrant* 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.

### **Post Communion Prayer** *(Please kneel or be seated)*

*Celebrant* 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.*

### **Benediction** *(Please stand as able)*

**Recessional Hymn** *Please see page 12-13* #460 | *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"*

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** **The Rejoicing** *Charles Callahan*

**Please welcome the guest Celebrant, Pastor Karen Wamester, and guest organist, Ed Startt.**

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*John Robinson, Usher*

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness  
 3 Gra-cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional  
 oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

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## The Christian Life



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end:  
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 and, Je - sus I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.

Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

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1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!  
 2 It makes the wound-ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;  
 3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,  
 4 O Je - sus! Shep-herd, Guard-ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,  
 \*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;

1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.  
 2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wear - y, rest.  
 3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!  
 4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
 5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)

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## **Recessional Hymn on Pages 12-13**

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)  
 Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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