

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2020

Officiant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: 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.

## Confession of Sin

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us; People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

## COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

### Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in Chorus
Rejoice rejoice
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

#### Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace

### Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all

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# Acts 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup> And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." <sup>8</sup> And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# Luke 20:19-26

<sup>19</sup> The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup> So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. <sup>21</sup> So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. <sup>22</sup> Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" <sup>23</sup> But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's." <sup>25</sup> He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>26</sup> And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Homily

Rev. Paul Calvin

# 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

# THE COLLECT

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

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Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give

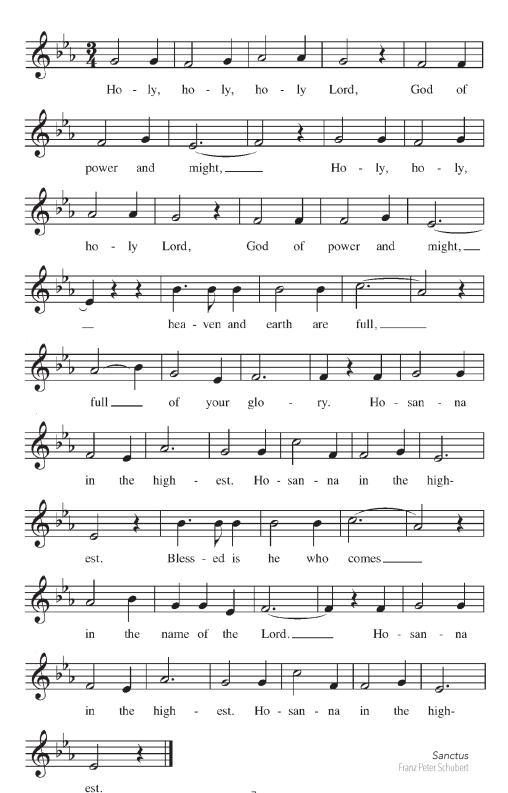
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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

See music on facing page.

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.



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

### Celebrant and People:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins just as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours

Forever and ever, Amen. Amen.

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

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.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

### **Directions for Communion**

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

<u>Outdoors:</u> Greeters will dismiss and direct one representative of each household to receive Holy Communion from the Table at the front or rear of our gathering, depending upon where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Single-person households are welcome to receive and consume at the Table. Household representatives will distribute and consume with their family members at the place where they are seated.

<u>Indoors:</u> Greeters will dismiss you by row to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your open palm to receive and wait to consume the bread after you have returned to your pew.

### Prayer Ministry

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

If you are are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with this prayer below:

### A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

# Bread Of The World In Mercy Broken

Verse 1
Bread of the world in mercy broken
Wine of the soul in mercy shed
By whom the words of life were spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead

Verse 2
Look on the heart by sorrows broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed

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## ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

# Verse 1 Now the days and hours and moments Of our suff'ring seem so long; And the toilsome wait and wond'ring Threaten silence to our song. Now our pain is real and pressing

Now our pain is real and pressing Where our faith is thin and weak, But our hope is set on Jesus; And we cling to him, our strength.

Verse 2

Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

### Chorus

For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song

### Verse 3

We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face; And we'll hear our anguished stories Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

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### Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power

of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information using this link. Thank you!

## HOLY IMAGINATIONS

As we make our way through the Book of Acts this summer, let's engage our imaginations. Kids, youth and adults are all invited to share artwork based on the Sunday Acts passage. No deadlines, and you are welcome to return to earlier passages and prompts anytime.

# Upload your work here.

# SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How did the mob that was stirred up by the Jewish leaders disturb the peace of Thessalonica? What motivated them? How were Paul, Silas, Jason, and the rest of Jesus's followers "disturbing the peace?" What motivated them?
- Paul preached at synagogues in Thessalonica and Berea, by the riverside in Philippi (Acts 16:13), and in the synagogue, marketplace, and Areopagus in Athens. Where would you most likely find people who were open to hearing the gospel in your own community?

# GATHERED WORSHIP - UPDATE



The past several weeks of worship have been such a gift and delight! It's a blessing to share in worship with those both near and far: face-to-face as well as online. We joyfully lift our hearts to the Lord even in these irregular circumstances, for it is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Outdoor gathered worship will continue in the months of September and October while weather permits. RVSPs are no longer needed for outdoor gathered worship. Preparations are being made for indoor gathered worship beginning later in October.

- Mask update: Adults and all children who are able are expected to wear masks when arriving, leaving, moving among others, and singing.
- Online participation will continue to be offered and facilitated.

## Indoor Contingency

In the event of rain or excessive heat, a cancellation notice for our outdoor service will be sent out day-of. Please view this linked video explanation of our protocols for gathered worship indoors. We have space in the sanctuary for 75 people to gather for worship indoors and online participation will be offered for households and Better Together groups. Use of masks is expected of adults and children who are able. A separate RSVP for the indoor worship service will be sent out via email in the preceding week.



### KidConnect - Gathered

Beginning September 13 and as long as the weather allows, children in K-3rd and 4th-5th will

be able to gather outside before the Sunday worship service for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Children will come every other week with children in the same family on the same week. Please watch for more details about start time, location and other info for KidConnect-Gathered next week!

# Morning Prayer

Join us in worship on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

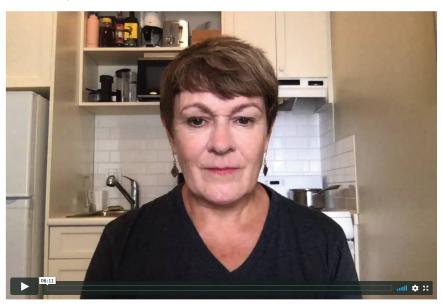
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## Pastoral Care & Benevolence

Please contact <u>Fr. Paul</u>, <u>Deacon Liz</u>, or <u>Deacon Dawn</u> if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

# Reading of Acts 21 & 22

This summer we're studying the book of Acts together as a church. For the context around this month's sermons, enjoy this reading of Acts chapters 21 & 22 by Deacon Liz an David Stewart.



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