



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00am

13th Sunday after PENTECOST

Introduction

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear Friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*THE GATHERING HYMN: *Lift High The Cross* #660

* THE GREETING

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

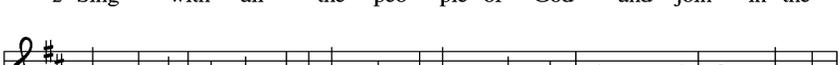
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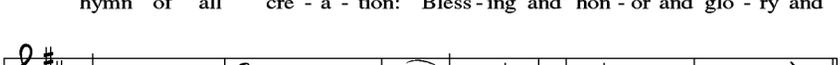
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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

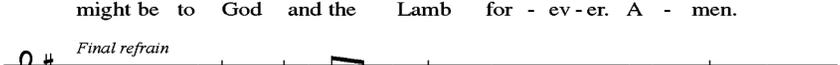


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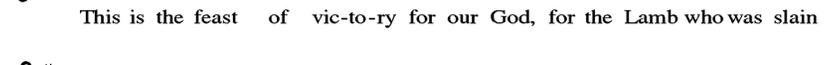


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen.

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

The Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet 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. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no 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. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page #151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

• **The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“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. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For 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? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: O God Beyond All Praising #880

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of
God's good creation.

God of Grace
Hear Our Prayer.

* THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE MEAL

* THE OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these
gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in
need: through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all
Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and
merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs
of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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.

* THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

* **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste, and see.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

page 154

THE DISTRIBUTION

* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the abundant table,
You have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord
Amen

THE SENDING

* **THE BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the Holy Trinity ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

***THE SENDING SONG:** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* #802

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving today: September 4

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Communion Assistant: Laura Poethke

Serving next Week: September 11

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Lynn Haab

CALLING ALL SINGERS:

Holy Trinity is looking to rebuild our choir and solo list. If you love to sing and would like to be a part of this ministry please see sign up sheet located on the bulletin board



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES: Our Sunday morning worship services will continue at 10:00 AM. Services are also streamed live on our Facebook Page.

POLISHING THE CHURCH PEWS: Our pews are in desperate need of some good TLC. We are looking for 4-5 people to come out and help. If you are interested in helping please see Amber Johnson.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is usually open on Wednesdays and Fridays when Pastor is there. Bonnie will be in the office, Mon 10-2, Wed—Friday 10-2. You can always call and leave a message if you need us.

SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH continues with our Phillip the Bucket spare change Loud Offering on the first Sunday of each month. Our Offerings have gone to help those in need in our community. We are also continuing to collect nonperishable food items for St. Luke's Food Pantry.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES: We are continuing with our Contemporary Services featuring *Voices That Reign*. Our next service will be on Tuesday September 13th @7pm.

COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!

Have you ever wondered what the day to day aspects of the church are? Maybe you have some new ideas for helping the church grow? Are you business minded and like the numbers aspects of church operations? Maybe you enjoy helping with fundraising?

Then council is the place for you. We are looking for new members to join our amazing team. The term is one year and meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7pm.

If you would like to know more about how to be a part of the church council please reach out to any of our members: *Bonnie Mazza, Chris Rodig, Judy Bariexca, Hank Bariexca, Amber Johnson, Peggy Bowers or Laura Poethke.*



We are so glad you worshipped with us today.

Our hope is that you have a blessed week and we will see you again next Sunday.

If you are visiting and have any questions about Holy Trinity, please ask Pastor Haab, one of our Greeters or any of our wonderful members.

Go in Peace and serve the Lord.