St. George's Episcopal Church

August 30, 2020

13 Pentecost
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
 Proper 17

Holy Eucharist Rite II
from The Book of Common Prayer
THE WORD OF GOD
(The Book of Common Prayer Page 355)

Processional Hymn—577 God Is Love, and Where True Love Is (vs. 1 and 2)

Refrain: God is love, and where true love is God himself is there.

1--Here is Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling
Christ, our love is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving Him, let each love Christ in one another

2--When we Christians gather, members of one Body
Let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Celebrant Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed by his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Children’s Worship Song
The First Lesson: Isaiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
    remember me and visit me,
    and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
    know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
    and your words became to me a joy
    and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
    O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
    nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
    for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
    my wound incurable,
    refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
    like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
    and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
    you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
    not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
    a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
    but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
    to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
    and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Leader:       The Word of the Lord.
People:      Thanks be to God.
Psalm 26:1-8  

Judica me, Domine

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.

The Epistle: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Sequence Hymn---675 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (vs. 1, 3 and 5)

1--Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be  
   Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

3--Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still  
   The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill.
5—Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo
great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be
killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he
turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to
me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save
their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what
will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will
they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then
he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some
standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in
his kingdom.”

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

The Sermon
The Very Reverend Chris Huff

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 Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Sandra, Skip, Len, Jenna Rose, Deacon Bill, Seth, the Reeves family, Rev. Moore, Elaine, Martha B., Alex, Spencer, Judy, Karen, Joan, Martha S., Jude, Cynde, Denise, Dillard, Tim, Kylie, Michelle, and all others who we name before you now (...pause...) give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

God, we ask that all who are affected by this virus be held in your loving care. In this time of uncertainty, help us to know what is ours to do. We know you did not cause this suffering but that you are with us in it and through it. Help us to recognize your presence in acts of kindness, in moments of silence, and in the beauty of the created world. Grant peace and protection to all of humanity for their well-being and for the benefit of the earth. Amen

God of all wisdom and love, look with favor upon all teachers, administrators, students and families as they make important decisions for the opening of school during this time of great uncertainty. Assist with wisdom and compassion the administrators who seek to tailor teaching options to the differing needs of the students. Strengthen the teachers, along with their assistants and volunteers, as they seek to address the multiple needs of the students in their care. Grant your wisdom to the parents and guardians who are faced with daunting and perplexing decisions this year, and enable the children to learn well within the methods of learning and other decisions made for them. Protect all who are involved at every level from the affects of the Corona Virus so that the eternal lights of Wisdom and Knowledge, which are the right of every human being, may be passed on and received with eagerness and joy, for the peace and welfare of the world, and to your glory.

This we ask in the name of our Good Teacher, Jesus Christ,...Amen.

**Confession**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.
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
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

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 him 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.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.**

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.

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 Breaking of the Bread**

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

**The Invitation**

*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.
Communion Song - Kyrie Eleison...Chris Tomlin

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now

Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to forgive
You delight to show Your mercy
(REPEAT)

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
(REPEAT)

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now

The Post-Communion Prayer:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

The Recessional

Recessional Hymn—344 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs. 1 and 3)

1--Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

3-- so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

The Closing Prayer and Dismissal