

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Morning Prayer

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Prelude

Opening Sentence

Enriching Our Worship, p. 19

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 19-20

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of silence is observed.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

Enriching Our Worship, p. 21

The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Officiant Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
 and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
 he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
 and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Lector Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have

brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Response: The Song of Zechariah

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 27-28

Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears, *

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, *

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God’s people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Preacher 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.

Preacher Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 96

Please stand, as able and comfortable.

All 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen to our prayer.

Officiant Let us pray.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship, p. 42

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects (Prayers)

Collect of the Day

Officiant 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.**

A Collect for

Book of Common Prayer, p. 324

Officiant O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

Officiant God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Written by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Elizabeth Eaton. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To be prayed through the first Sunday in September.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and

petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 562

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Music: St. Gertrude /

Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

A note about this hymn... Many hymns were originally written as children's songs. "Onward, Christian Soldiers" is one such song. On Pentecost (Whitsunday) evening, 1865, Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould hastily wrote the words of this hymn for his Sunday school class. The next day, Monday, all the village children were marching to the neighboring town for a Sunday School rally. Rev. Sabine wanted to give them a "marching song" to make the trip festive. He was surprised at its popularity among adults as well.

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
*2 At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;
*3 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
4 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
5 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng;

1 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!
2 on, then, Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry!
3 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;
4 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
5 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song;

1 Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
2 Hell's foun - da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;
3 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bo - dy we,
4 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
5 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, un - to Christ the King;

1 for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.
 2 Chris - tians, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.
 3 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 4 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 5 this through count - less a - ges we with an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!

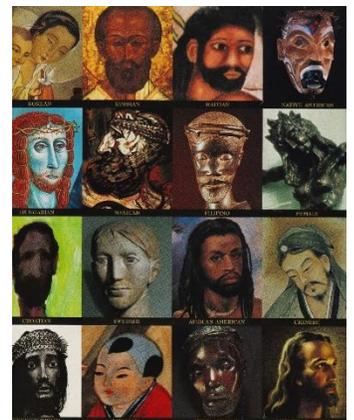
Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *St. Gertrude*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Concluding Blessing

Officiant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift in love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

The hymn this week is a gift of Debby Rempis.



Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the united Church of South India and The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Neponset River Deanery: Trinity Church, Stoughton; Epiphany Church, Walpole; Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury (Boston); St. John's Church, Westwood; and, Trustees of Donations.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Natalie Graham by Bill Graham.
We also remember Susan Kuder.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church and First Church of Christ Scientist.

Your prayers are requested for Walter, Bob, Patsy, Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Bob, Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, and Linda Evans. We ask that you give all cancer fighters comfort in their suffering, shrinking and destroying all cancerous tumors according to your will. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Steve Sussman, Piano

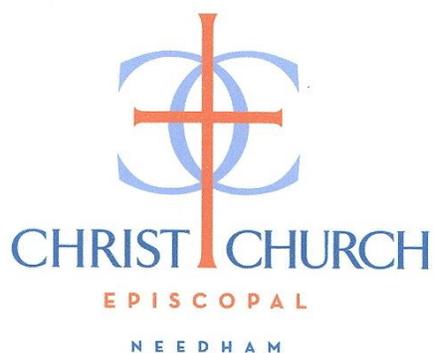
Vocalists: Lea Peterson, Grant Furguele, Mark Anderson

And others to be named on air!

If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

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