

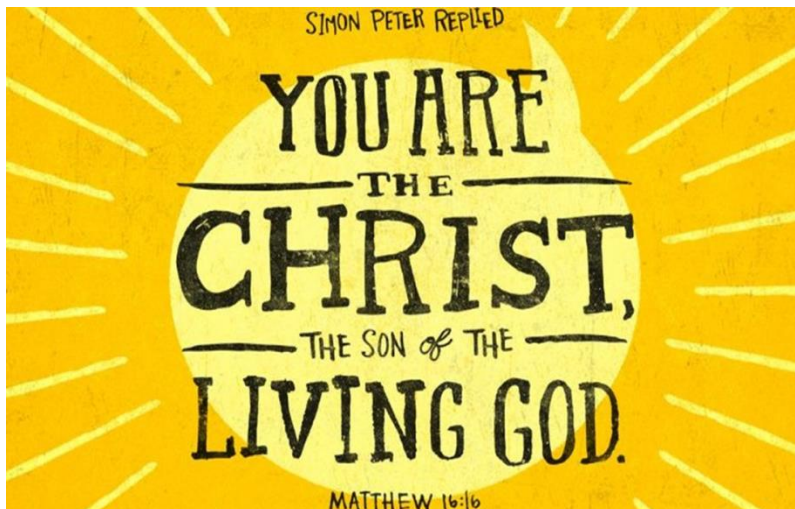
August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #484** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Text by John Oxenham

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| 1 In Christ there is no east or west,<br>in Christ no south or north,<br>but one great fellowship of love<br>throughout the whole wide earth. | 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,<br>whate'er your race may be;<br>who serves my God in truth and love<br>is surely kin to me.                      |
| 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere<br>their high communion find,<br>whose service is the golden cord<br>close-binding humankind.        | 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,<br>in Christ meet south and north;<br>all faithful souls are joined in one<br>throughout the whole wide earth. |

#### **Greeting and Collect for Purity**

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*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

#### **Glory to God** [Hymn #686]

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*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day***Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Exodus 1:8—2:10

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

<sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

<sup>1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

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<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 124

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #508 Kingsfold

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| 1 | If God had not been on our side,<br>Let Israel always say;<br>If God had not been on our side,<br>With foes in fierce array,<br>They would have swallowed us alive<br>While thirsting for our blood;<br>The torrent would have overwhelmed<br>And drowned us in the flood. | 2 | The raging waters surely would<br>Have buried us beneath;<br>Praise God who has not let us be<br>A victim for their teeth.<br>Like birds from broken nets, O Lord,<br>We have escaped from death;<br>Our help is in the Name of God<br>Who made both heaven and earth. |
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Second Reading:

Romans 12:1–8

*Reader*     A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 16:13–20

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Apostle’s Creed

**Hymn #44** “I Believe in God Almighty”

Paraphrase by Sylvia G. Dunstan

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| <p>1 I believe in God almighty,<br/>         Father of all things that be,<br/>         maker of the earth and heavens,<br/>         keeper of the sky and sea.<br/>         I believe in God’s Son, Jesus,<br/>         now for us both Lord and Christ,<br/>         of the Spirit and of Mary<br/>         born to bring abundant life.</p> | <p>2 I believe that Jesus suffered,<br/>         scourged and scorned and crucified;<br/>         taken from the cross, was buried—<br/>         true life there had truly died.<br/>         I believe that on the third day<br/>         Christ was raised up from the grave,<br/>         then ascended to God’s right hand.<br/>         He will come to judge and save.</p> |
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- 3 I believe in God's own Spirit,  
 bonding all the saints within  
 one Church, catholic, and holy,  
 where forgiveness frees from sin;  
 in the body's resurrection,  
 for the breaking of death's chain  
 gives the life that's everlasting:  
 this the faith that I have claimed.

### The Prayers of the People

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

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

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

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn #468 "To Abraham and Sarah"

Text by Judith Fetter

- 1 To Abraham and Sarah  
the call of God was clear:  
"Go forth and I will show you  
a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey,  
for I have pledged my word  
that you shall be my people  
and I will be your God."
- 2 From Abraham and Sarah  
arose a pilgrim race,  
dependent for their journey  
on God's abundant grace;  
and in their heart was written  
by God this saving word,  
"That you shall be my people  
and I will be your God."
- 3 We of this generation  
on whom God's hand is laid  
can journey to the future  
secure and unafraid,  
rejoicing in God's goodness  
and trusting in this word,  
"That you shall be my people  
and I will be your God."

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

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*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*People*Michael  
Leach*Celebrant*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices 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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

*People*

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Anointing**



**The Lord's Prayer** [Michael Leach]

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #4**

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*Celebrant* "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

*People* **Give us this bread for ever.**

*Celebrant* "I am the vine, you are the branches."

*People* **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

**Lamb of God** [Michael Leach]

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

**The Communion**

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*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

*People* **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

# 10

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Today being the last Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing.  
If you would like to receive this ministry, please go for anointing,  
and then come forward to receive Communion.*

## **Communion Hymn #401 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"**

Text by Robert Lowry; adaptation with additional text by Doris Plenn

1 My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### ***Refrain:***

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heaven and  
earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds and echoes in my soul;  
how can I keep from singing?

### ***Refrain***

3 What though the tempest 'round me  
roar,  
I hear the truth it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me  
close,  
songs in the night it giveth.

### ***Refrain***

4 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,  
and hear their death knells ringing;  
when friends rejoice both far and near,  
how can I keep from singing?

### ***Refrain***

5 The peace of Christ makes fresh my  
heart,  
a fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his;  
how can I keep from singing?

### ***Refrain***

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us  
that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayer for Anointing**

## **Doxology** [Michael Leach]

*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

## **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Recessional Hymn #344 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

Psalm 117; paraphrase by Isaac Watts

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| 1 From all that dwell below the skies<br>let the Creator’s praise arise:<br>alleluia, alleluia!<br>Let the Redeemer’s name be sung<br>through every land, in every tongue:<br>alleluia, alleluia,<br>alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord:<br>eternal truth attends thy Word;<br>alleluia, alleluia!<br>Thy praise shall sound from shore to<br>shore<br>till suns shall rise and set no more:<br>alleluia, alleluia,<br>alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
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***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

<b>Today’s Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Next Sunday’s Scripture Readings</b>
<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Exodus 1:8—2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

**We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .**

**Congregation Cycle**

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The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.