

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:30 AM



Holy Eucharist - Rite II

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book), # Hymn = 1982 Hymnal (blue book)

Prelude

Prelude on "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Eugene Englert

The Word of God

The Hymn in Procession

#427 When morning gilds the skies

LAUDES DOMINE

Celebrant Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

BCP, p. 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.**

The Gloria

#S-280

Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the highest, 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 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." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "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." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" 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." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 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."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

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. 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. 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?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 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. 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

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

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. 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.

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 judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 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.**

Sequence Hymn

#551 Rise up, ye saints of God!

FESTAL SONG

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 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. 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. 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." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Carson

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

**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

BCP, p. 388

Reader 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,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including those whose names are listed in the newsletter in our order of service. We also pray for those impacted by conflict around the world, and those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Larry Hamby, and those that the congregation wishes to name at this time, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts; 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,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant 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.**

The Absolution

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.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

We will pass offering plates during the anthem. You may also give online via text or QR code.

*To give online, text 73256, with the message: **strichard** (Note: no "s" or caps). The QR code is in the newsletter in the bulletin.*

Offertory Anthem

You Are the Christ

Joseph M. Martin

Following the anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. All are invited to stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

#380, v.3

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

The Sanctus

#S-129

Robert Powell

**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.

The people may remain standing or kneel while the celebrant continues, concluding with:

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with additional prayers, concluding with:

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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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 Fraction Anthem:

#S-163 Lamb of God

Robert Powell

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

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

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

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 Communion *All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table.
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant).*

*If you would like someone to pray for you, the St. Richard's Prayer Team will be stationed during Communion
in the back of the Nave by the font.*

Communion Hymns

#306 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest SURSUM CORDA
#304 I come with joy to meet my Lord LAND OF REST

The Blessing of Community of Care Ministers

Celebrant In the name of St. Richard's Church,

People **We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.**

(If you know someone who would appreciate a COC minister's visit, please contact the church office.)

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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

Closing Hymn

#518 Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Dismissal

Celebrant or Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Light from On High

David Paxton

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Notes About Worshiping With Us:

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all who have been baptized with water in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Communion, no matter in which Christian denomination you may have originally been baptized. You are welcome to receive Communion either standing or kneeling. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing or prayer by one of the clergy. To indicate you would like a blessing or prayer, simply cross your arms over your chest as you kneel or stand at the rail.

To receive the wafer, place one open hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who require one. To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer to intinct (dip the wafer in the wine), please hold the wafer in your hands until the chalice bearer comes to you.

Receiving in One Kind

It is perfectly fine to receive only the bread (wafer). If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest or return to your seat after consuming your wafer.

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We pursue this mission by praying and worshiping, proclaiming the Gospel, and promoting justice, peace, and love.
We carry out this mission through the ministry of all our members – from the youngest to the oldest, and everyone in between.



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