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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Opening Welcome

Organ Prelude *Prelude in G*

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn 561 *Stand up, stand up, for Jesus*

Please refrain from singing.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss:
from victory unto victory
his army shall be lead,
till every foe is vanquished
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day:
ye that are his now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant and People
(said in unison)

*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.*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

A 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 Lessons

Reader A Reading from 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 84

Quam delicta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Reader A Reading from Ephesians (6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence *Hymn 517 vv. 1 and 2 only How lovely is thy dwelling place*

Please refrain from singing.

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs

within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:56-69)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence *Hymn 517 v. 4 only* *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

Please refrain from singing.

One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live they words they pray.

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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 VI

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Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray for all those suffering from the upheaval and violence in Afghanistan, and from the effects of the earthquake in Haiti.

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our Bishops; Lynn our priest, Celal our deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for John J. Tudo, Sr., brother-in-law of John and Linda Egan, who died on August 9, and for the family of Grant Hodges, who died Monday, August 16. We also pray for those we mention by name on our prayer list on page 12.

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Femi Ayorinde, Matthew Daw, Carney McCullough, Lawrence Rose, Jim Bartholomew, Marleen McCabe, Trent Norman, Cyrena Eitler, Theresa Look, Antonio Look, William Vaughn, Jacob Hodges, Susan Tinker, William Patton, John Pionzio, Will Prados, Jennifer Tatum, and Greg Wise.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and People

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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.

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn 304 vv. 1 and 3 only *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

The Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 only

Old One Hundredth

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 B

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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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 & Benedictus qui venit *(said in unison)*

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 stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and 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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and 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 Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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 Invitation

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Communion Hymn 315 *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

Please refrain from singing.

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(in unison)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 423 vv 1 and 4 only *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Please refrain from singing.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Dismissal

Deacon *(Sentence of dismissal)*

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude *Fanfare*

K. Leighton

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Assisting	The Reverend Deacon Celal Kamran, <i>Assistant to the Rector</i>
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Shepherd	Kathy Kirkland
Acolytes	Wiley Prior, Kyle Johnson, and Charles Keeney
Ushers	Dru Hodges and Bill Bland
Altar Guild	Wells Team
Digital Ministry	John Wooten, Marc Abrams, John Sessums, Tom Ronaldi, Chris Brown

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Joan Parsons, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Ray Baumann, Sharon Michel, Jack Oats, Diana Wood, Andy, Chrissy, Larry Mobley, Jeb Berger, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, E.J. Delaune, Carney McCullough, and Bill Hosp.

We pray for John J. Tudo, Sr., brother-in-law of John and Linda Egan, who died August 9 and for the family of Grant Hodges, who died Monday, August 16.

The people may add their own petitions

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

We pray for those around the world affected by natural disaster and political turmoil especially Haiti and Afganistan.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Continuing Care Communities within the Diocese and their residents.



Announcements

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Dr. Femi Ayorinde's birthday and good health. Given by his family.
In celebration of Neil and Judy Sunderland's 56th wedding anniversary.

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocese guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Coffee Hour will be held between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on the patio outside (weather permitting) of the Common Room double doors.
- Thank you, **Invite Welcome Connect Ministry** for the hospitality in planning our Newcomer Dinner at the Rectory Friday! We welcomed several newcomers.
- **Adult Bible Study** on the Gospel of Luke continues every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Annex. You will receive readings and simple reflections the week prior to each Sunday via email. Remember to come on hour early for fellowship and Bible study. This class will extend into the Fall.
- **Alpha!** A course to talk about faith, life, and God. Alpha is intended for all: newcomers, well-versed in the faith, and outsiders. We will have food, fun, and fellowship starting September 19, on Sundays in between the two services at 9:15 a.m. in the Vestry Meeting House. Contact Rev. Celal for more information and to sign up.
- **Registration for All Christian Education Classes.** Adult, youth, and children will register for Sunday school Sunday, September 12, at 9:15 a.m. in the Common Room.
- **Education for Ministry (EFM)** begins September 13, and will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan, for information or to register.
- **The funeral for Bill Poad** including a Burial Rite II Eucharist and Burial of the Dead, will be Tuesday, August 24, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the Common Room.
- Mark your calendar for **Apple Butter weekend, September 24-25 and Pohick Fair, October 2.** Volunteers of all ages will be needed. Sign-up sheets are on the tower in the Common Room.
- **Floral Workshop:** The Flower Guild will host a floral workshop on Saturday, September 18th, at 10 a.m. Professional florist, Lisa Ruf (BJ McPherson's daughter) will lead the hands-on workshop. Everyone is welcome. Contact Susan Pehrsson at spehrsson79@gmail.com or 703-282-6574.

- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** Reopening! Sept 12th, 9 a.m. See what's new—beautiful gemstone crosses handmade by Grant Hodges, olive wood decor from Bethlehem, Pohick, and fall items!
- **Vestry House** makeover is moving right along. Walls and flooring have been completed. Bathrooms are ongoing. The Vestry House will reopen for use September 15.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.
- Volunteers needed for hosting **Fellowship Coffee Hours** between services. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry and join us again!

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