



August 22, 2021 9:00 AM
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Introduction

Prelude "Toccatina in C, BWV 564" J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn "I want to walk as a child of the light" Hymn #490

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my
path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Collect of Purity The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

People **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.**

Gloria Hymn S280

**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.**

Collect of the Day

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

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.

A Reading from the Book of Joshua (24:1-2a, 14-18)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:15-22

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 628

Benedicam Dominum

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John. **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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation "Child of God"
Sung by Lily DiSilverio

By Kathryn Scott

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 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 VI

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 392

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

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

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

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

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
***People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
***People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kym, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
***People* For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader And we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

Leader We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit: Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Cheryl, Gael, Cindy, John, Linda, James, Steve, Nancy, Tom J., Naomi, Rose, Katie, Judy, Roger, Hank, Gail, Kelsey, Leona, Bobbi S., Bob K., Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Keith, Kitty, Jan L, Kathy, Alice, Terry, Mary, Marge W., Andrew, Carol P., & Steve.

We pray for the deployed and those serving in the military: Garrett, and Zachariah.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Rod, Barry, Morgan, Jacque, Karllyle, John W., Dan Z., Marion, and Nathan G. We also give thanks for the anniversaries this week of: Judy & Robert Jager, Charlotte & Mike Mapes, and John & Rosemary Thorpe.

We pray for those who have died. May we remember with thanksgiving those we no longer see.

Grant us the mercy and grace to weep with those who weep and comfort those who mourn.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)

Blessing of the Backpacks

Announcements

Digital Offering

(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)

1. Using your text message on your smart phone, text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446.
2. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.

The Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Hymn #380, v. 3

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 Prayer B

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)

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.**

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,

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 all of 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

**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

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns:

Sung by the St. Michael's Cherub Choir

“Jesus Loves the Little Children” (Instrumental)

“This Little Light of Mine”

1. **This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.** (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.
2. **Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.** (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

3. **This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.** (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

“Jesus Loves Me”

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

2. Jesus loves me he who died
heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.

Refrain

3. Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

“The Gospel Train”

1. The gospel train is comin'
I hear it close at hand.
I hear the car-wheels rumblin'
And rollin' thru the land.

Refrain

**Get on board, little children! (x3)
There's room for many a more!**

2. I hear the train a comin',
She's comin' round the curve.
She's loosened all her steam and brakes
And straining every nerve.

Refrain

3. The fare is cheap and all can go,
The rich and poor are there.
No second class aboard this train.
No difference in the fare.

Refrain

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.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn "Stand up, stand up for Jesus"

Hymn #561

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
stand in this strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own:
put on the Gospel armor,
and watching unto prayer,
when duty calls, or danger,
be never wanting there.
- 4. Stand up, stand up, for Jesus:
the strife will not be long:
this day, the noise of battle;
the next, the victor's song.
To valiant hearts triumphant,
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory
shall reign eternally.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude "Festival Voluntary, Op. 87"

Flor Peeters

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