

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Service, Proper 18

September 4, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m.

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn 490** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#### Opening Sentence

*Officiant* You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

#### Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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 Officiant continues*

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*All*           **Amen.**

### **Invitatory**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*All*           **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

### **Jubilate** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
              serve the Lord with gladness  
              and come before his presence with a song.

*All*           **Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
                  he himself has made us, and we are his;  
                  we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Officiant* Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
              go into his courts with praise; \*  
              give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

*All*           **For the Lord is good;  
                  his mercy is everlasting; \*  
                  and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

*All*           **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

### **Psalm 1** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Reader* Happy are those  
              who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
              or take the path that sinners tread,  
              or sit in the seat of scoffers;

*All*           **But their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
                  and on his law they meditate day and night.**

*Reader* They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,

***All* Which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
in all that they do, they prosper.**

*Reader* The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

***All* Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

*Reader* For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**First Reading ..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

***All* Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah (*said responsively by whole verse*)**

*Reader* Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.

***All* Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

*Reader* And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*All*           **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
                  nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

*Reader*       For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
                  so are my ways higher than your ways,  
                  and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*All*           **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.**

**Second Reading ..... Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader*       Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

*All* **Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.**

*Officiant* Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

*All* **All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **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.**

**Sequence Hymn 533** “How Wondrous and Great Thy Works”

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

**The Gospel** ..... **Luke 14:25-33**

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation

and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

*Officiant*     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All*             **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**.....Ginnie Glassman

**Apostles' Creed**

*All*            **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.  
*All*            **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*    Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Officiant and People*)

*All*        **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.**

**Suffrages B**

*Officiant*    Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*All*            **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant*    Day by day we bless you;

*All*            **We praise your name for ever.**

*Officiant*    Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*All*            **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant*    Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*All*            **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant*    In you, Lord, is our hope;

*All*            **And we shall never hope in vain.**

**Collection** (*during the Hymn*)

**Offertory Hymn 545 (v.1-3)** “Lo! What a Crowd of Witnesses”

**Collect**

*Officiant*    Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake

those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **Collect for Guidance**

*Reader*    Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **Intercessional Prayer**

*Officiant*    Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **Intercessory Prayers**

*Officiant*    I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, healing.

*Officiant prays for all prayer requests.*

*Reader*        We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, Sue, Susie, Craig, Sophia, Ron, Debbie, Nolan, Kris, Bud, Millie, Tom, Laura, Michelle, Eliane, Cindy, Martha, Peggy, Parrish, Bridget, Laura, Richard, and John.

*Reader*        We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one.

*Officiant*    O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Yard Signs and Flyers:** There is a supply of yard signs and flyers in the uppercroft. We'd love it if you could pick up a yard sign (and holder) and display it on your lawn. Also, please take some flyers and distribute them to local businesses and restaurants, etc. if you can. Help us spread the word about Christ Church!

### **Upcoming Events at CCT!**

**September 18:** 10am - First Day of Sunday School! Bring the kids!  
                          11:30am – Pizza and Ice Cream Fundraiser for EVE Foundation

**October 2:**        10am – Blessing of the Animals  
                          11:30am – Apple Pie Sale!

**Coffee Hour Volunteers:** We have open dates for volunteers to bring goodies to Coffee Hour and are hoping to get more people on the schedule. If you're wondering what to bring - it can be as simple as a fruit platter and/or a baked good -- store bought is fine! Here are the available dates: September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 2, 9, 16, and 23. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office if you'd like to take a Sunday. Thank you!

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 594 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church’s story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**