

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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OPENING HYMN

God is love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal 379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Officiant* 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this is my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM**

*said together by all*

Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45c  
inclusive language

- 1 **Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord; \*  
make known to the nations what God has done.**
- 2 **Sing to the Lord, sing praises, \*  
and tell of all the marvelous works of the Lord.**
- 3 **Glory in the holy name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
- 4 **Turn for help to the Lord your strength, \*  
and constantly seek God's presence.**
- 5 **Remember the marvels the Lord has done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of the mouth of the Lord,**
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, \*  
O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.**
- 7 **Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**
- 8 **The Lord made this people exceedingly fruitful, \*  
making them stronger than their enemies,**
- 9 **Whose heart God turned, so that they hated this people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.**
- 10 **O Lord, you sent Moses your servant, \*  
and Aaron whom you had chosen. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

*Lector* A reading from Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

*Officiant* As God's people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*All* **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.**

*Reader* Let us pray for the church and the world.

God of love, guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace. As our lives are closely linked, may we serve Christ in one another, and love one another as you love us. We pray for Jacob Blake and his family, and we implore you, O God, to forge in us the unity, determination, and faith to put an end to all racial injustice.

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of love, protect those committed to serving our communities, including first responders, all who govern, and those who care for the sick throughout the current pandemic, including: *Anna Basse, Michael Clay, Joe Dib, Shawna Goodfellow, Pam Grob, Androni H., Antonia H., Jay Harnois, Margaret Lally, George Mashour, Beth Niblock, Ian Osbourn, Ryan Tyler, Anna VanToai, Stephen Wilbert*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of love, give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use and tend it rightly. We pray especially for those affected by the California wildfires, Hurricane Laura, and the derecho storm that swept through Iowa earlier this month.

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of love, encourage and strengthen those to whom you have given the gifts of teaching, as they approach a school year amidst extraordinary challenges. Inspire students who seek a deeper knowledge of you and all of your creation, including themselves. Come alongside young adults who chart their way in a strange world. Fortify parents with a constant sense of your presence and of the loving community that surrounds them.

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of love, we celebrate those who have birthdays this week, especially *Richard Householder, Emma Wilbert, Dana Leney, Jared TenBrink, Peter Frade, Erin Leney, Sarah Davis* and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of love, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for *Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Barbara Baseley, Booker, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Marcus England, Vincent Faust, Hope Hoffman, Lauren Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Alisa LeDuc, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Joe Miller, Jonathon Moon, Carl Pfadt, Kathleen S., Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Warren Webb, Megan White*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of love, we commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that your justice and peace will reign on earth as in heaven. We pray for Matthew Boudreaux, great-nephew of Josephine Powell and Al Carter, who was killed last week. We pray for Trayford Pellerin, Anthony Huber, Joseph Rosenbaum, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all victims of racial violence, and those we now name.  
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*People* Holy One, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

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*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Walk Together, Children

Spiritual

Oh, walk [clap, sing] together, children, don't you get weary.  
Walk [clap, sing] together, children, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.  
Goin' to mourn [shout] and never tire, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

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. Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*from the Book of Common Prayer  
and St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

*All* **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

*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**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

The depiction on the cover of Moses and the burning bush dates to about 240 A.D. It was painted on the wall of a synagogue in the ancient city of Dura Europos, Syria. Although the city was destroyed during the Syrian Civil War (2011-2014), wall paintings such as this one were already in the care of the National Museum of Syria in Damascus. The image is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

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