



# The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

*29th August 2021*



## Holy Communion

# The Gathering of God's People

Welcome to our Service today.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
**and also with you.**

## The Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. 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 Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. 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 walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest pronounces the Absolution*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

# The Collect of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

### The First Reading

*Deuteronomy 4.1–2, 6–9*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said: 1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. 6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 45

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer. 2 You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity; 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. 10 Kings’ daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

## The Second Reading

*James 1.17–22*

A reading from the letter of James.

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## The Holy Gospel

*St. Mark 7.1–8, 14–15, 21–23*

Hear the gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St. Mark, Chapter 7 beginning at verse 1.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ Christ**

1 When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6 Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

# The Sermon

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,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 God's People

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people  
by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood  
and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless Paul our bishop and all ministers of your Church,  
that by faithful proclamation of your word  
we may be built on the foundation of  
the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from  
above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the  
service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying;  
and all who bring light to those in darkness.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin  
or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ,  
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us  
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;  
preserve in your faith your servants on earth,  
guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

Hasten the day when many will come  
from east and west, from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power,  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*(all stand please)*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

## **Celebrating at the Lord's Table**

### **At the Preparation of the Table**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

### **The Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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!**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:

He made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## **The Giving of the Bread and Wine**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## **Going out as God's People**

### **Post Communion Prayers**

God of compassion, in this eucharist we know again your forgiveness and the healing power of your love. Grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that forgiveness and healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**





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